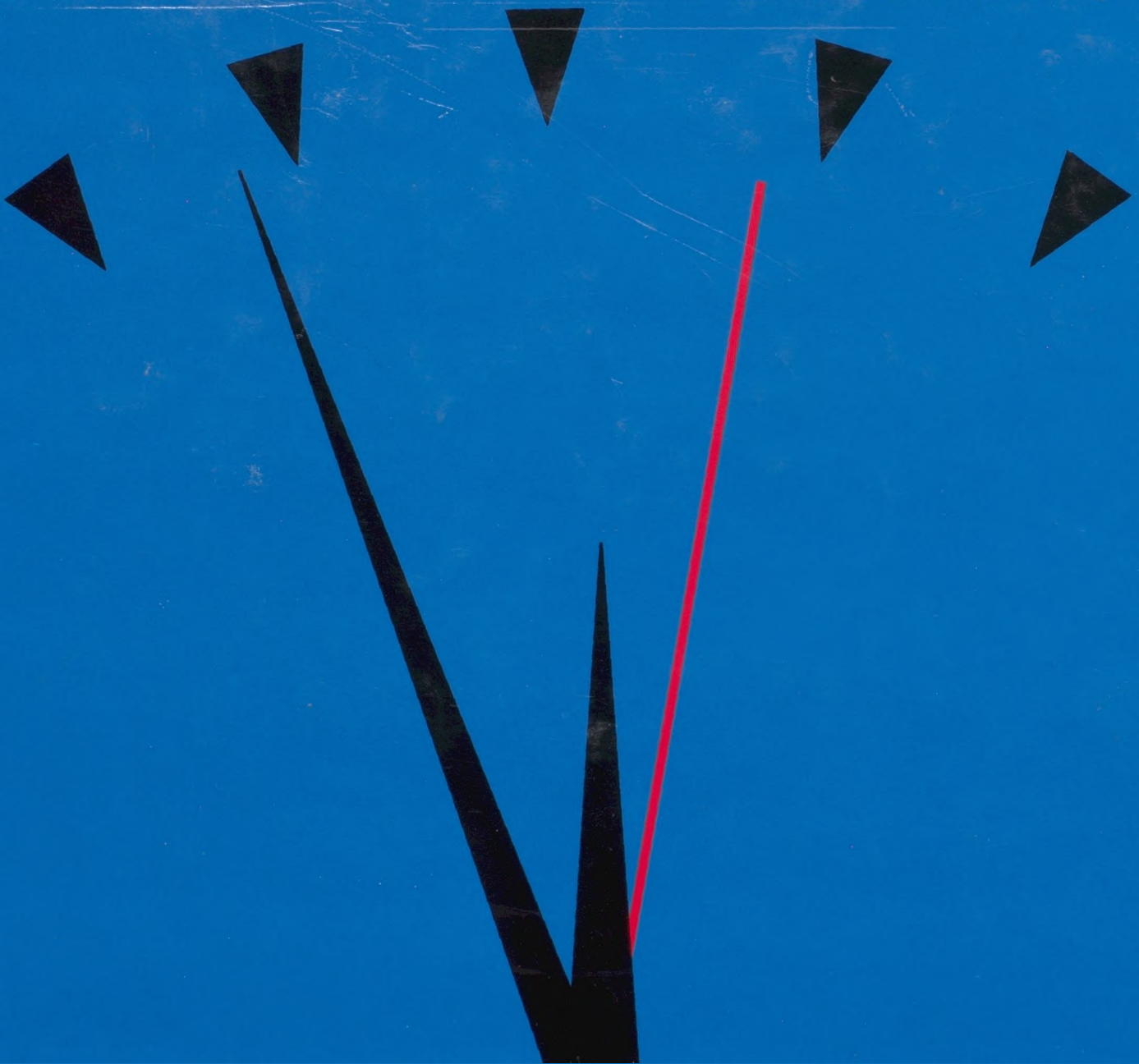


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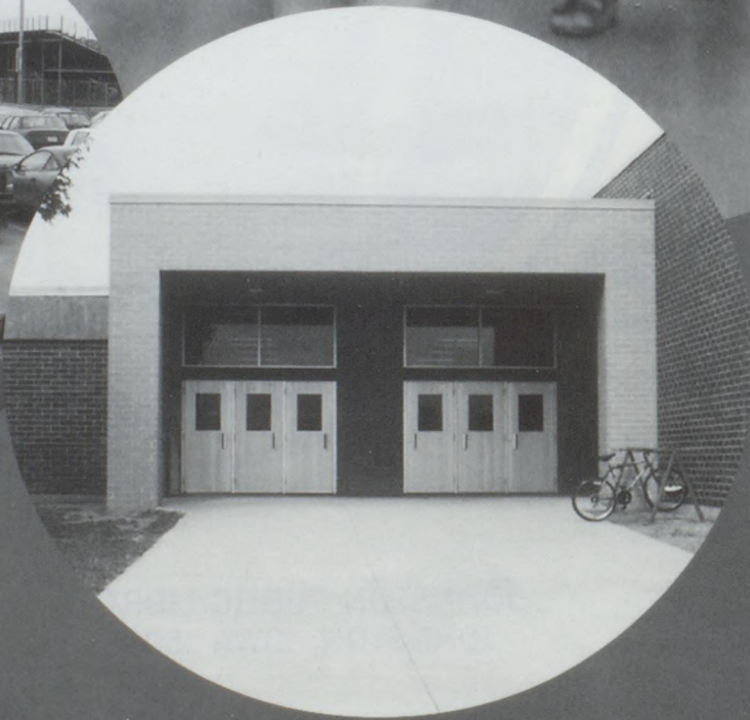
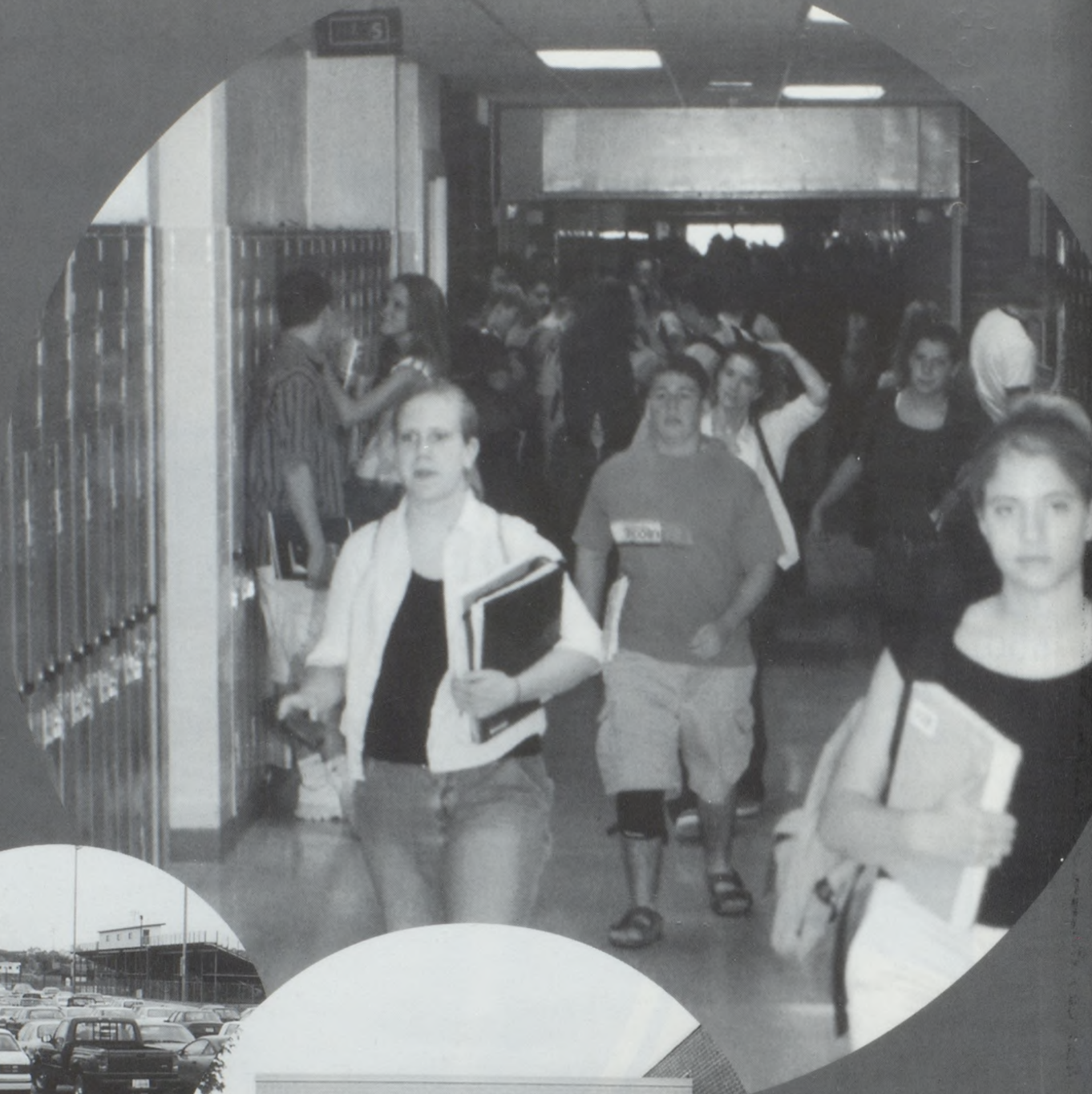
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Intent on making points...
seniors Jessica Reece, Ashley Bengard,
Dustin Simmerman, junior Robbie
Burnett and sophomore Luke Hukee
proudly sport their Superfan garb in
hopes of bringing the team good luck.
photo by Michelle Collignon



Welcome back to school... Johnston High, late 1999. You arrive with many other late students who are pouring into the parking lot only to find there are no places to park. From the far corner of the school property you scurry from your car to the student commons doors hoping not to be late. You rush up to the handle and pull. Your body jolts when you realize the doors have been locked since 8:15. The tardy bell sounds as you rush toward your class. You walk into the room panting. Besides the snickering sunburnt faces staring at you, is a face of one of the 17 new instructors that have been scattered around the building for the school year.

Class is over. Students pack into the hallways, christening their lockers with new textbooks. You look down at the book in your hand and realize you have no place to store it because the new lockers did not arrive on time. You receive new books in most of your classes, including AP ones. During this class you find out that even if you get a B this semester, a four-point could still end up on your report card thanks to the installment of weighted grades for all advanced placement classes. Overjoyed with happiness you accidentally bump into some guy. Turns out this 'guy' is the new assistant principal Mr. Schlatter.

Finally the school day is over. Lugging the books that didn't have a locker, looking over the assignment the new teacher gave you, rubbing your palm from the locked door incident... you wonder if these new changes will last long. You decide not to fret about it cause all you can do is

WAIT...

and see what happens.

You get in your car, buckle up and turn the radio on. You hear a voice saying, "...will the world end because of Y2K?..."

You turn the radio off. This is the last thing you want to worry about right now.

spread by Kat Keltlogg

Summer

Twenty-three students visited Europe with middle school teacher Brian Donahue for vacation. After an eight hour flight out of Des Moines, they arrived in Zurich, Switzerland. Here they visited the Lion Monument. Next, in Chamonix they saw Mer de Glace and rode cable cars to the top of Mont Blanc. "My favorite part of the trip was when we walked down Mont Blanc. There was really neat scenery. It was also really weird because if you walked too far to the right you were in a totally different country, Italy," said sophomore Lindsey Way.

Four days into their trip, the students ate brown and green food at a Lebanese restaurant in Paris, which was home of the Eiffel Tower and Notre Dame. While in Paris, they went to an old castle museum called Le Louvre and saw the Mona Lisa. Each student also had a portrait done at the town square.

The students took a train to London and attended *Grease Lightning*. They also went to Windsor Castle and St. Paul's. Nine days later, students arrived home with many memories. Sophomore John Ramsay said, "It started out as a whole lot of people that I didn't know going, and it ended up being a trip to get to know a lot of really nice people. I'm really glad I went."

Sliding down the Alps...

sophomore Jenny Reimann holds on tight for fear of veering off the cement path. Reimann and others, led by Brian Donahue, took a trip to Europe in July. After Reimann took the ski lift to the top of the mountain, she chose the fast lane. "I had no clue what was going on because everything was in French. Everyone laughed as (sophomore) Lindsey Way and I sped to the bottom because we looked like such idiots. It was really fun because it was something new and different from the United States," said Reimann. photo by Sue Dennis



Baking in the sun...

senior Sarah Straw lifeguards her first summer at Hyperion pool. "I worked for three days a week in June. As the summer progressed, college kids wanted me to work for them. I kicked my work load up to five days a week, but I didn't mind," said Straw. "Lifeguarding is absolutely the best job because you get to just sit outside all day and be with little kids. I always told my mom that when I grew up I wanted to be a lifeguard and she always laughed at me. I love it though. You're able to get to know the kids well, and they are so sweet!" said Straw. photo by Ben Flannery



Top 10 Movies

1. The Sixth Sense
2. Inspector Gadget
3. Big Daddy
4. Runaway Bride
5. Deep Blue Sea
6. Austin Powers: The Spy Who Shagged Me
7. The Astronaut's Wife
8. Blair Witch Project
9. Thomas Crown Affair
10. American Pie

source: <http://www.variety.com/dbox/index.asp>

Enjoying a birthday luau...

graduate John Heth attempts to toss junior Chris Goode into the water as graduate Ryan Hargens and junior Joe Weisz spectate. The luau was held at senior Michelle Collignon's house to have a combined celebration for seniors Amelia Groetsch, Greta Davis and Collignon's birthdays. Others at the party swam, jumped on the trampoline or ate. Overall, about 75 people attended. "We went to the party to have a good time. It was in July sometime so we'd been out of school for a little bit and hadn't seen each other for a while. We got together to see all of our friends at the party," said Goode. photo by Michelle Collignon



6/1-8/20



The US women's soccer team took the World Cup by storm when they beat Nigeria in Chicago with a final score of 7-1. It was held in the US for the first time, and there was a near record crowd of 65,080 fans. They celebrated by going on a tour to places such as the *Today Show*.

6/24

For the first time in NBA history, the San Antonio Spurs defeated the New York Knicks to take the NBA Championship title. The Spurs, led by David Robinson playing center and Tim Duncan at power forward, overthrew the Knicks four games to one.

6/26

107.5 KKDM, 'the Dot' radio station, switched over to a new station, KISS 107 FM. Like a traffic jam down I-35, people are leaving STAR for the new KISS 107 FM. This was one of the slogans used to attract new listeners for the newly formed radio station.

7/2

STUDENTS ON THE JOB

Amy Schuster '00

"I worked a full time job downtown at Manpower to save money for college. I was a payroll clerk. The dress code was strict so I had to dress up every day."

Paul Clements '02

"I worked 40 hours a week at Mow and More. The pay was very good. I mowed lawns and I even tore down a building and put up another one too."

Where did you go?



"I got a chance to go to the Women's Soccer World Cup in Chicago with sophomore Ashley Loughran. We drove there, stayed the night and went shopping the next day."

-Megan O'Donnell, '02

"I visited my relatives in Colorado with my family for a week and a half. We went to the mountains, to a couple amusement parks, a water park and went shopping."

-E.B. Rottenberg, '03



Photo by Michelle Collignon

Sugar Ray Concert

Performed at the Iowa State Fair

"The concert was awesome. I kept trying to bribe the usher to let me go up and touch Mark McGrath's hand. Finally I got up enough guts to just run up there and do it."

Jessi McMillen, '01

7/11

After playing four rounds of golf, Dave Eichelberger won the Senior Golf Open Championship. His final score was negative seven. He beat 156 professionals and amateurs over 50 years old. Over 120,000 people attended the event held at the Des Moines Golf and Country Club.

7/20

John F. Kennedy, Jr.'s plane plunged 1,100 feet in 14 seconds into the ocean on his way to attend a wedding. He was accompanied on the plane by his wife, Caroline, and her sister. Kennedy's body was discovered two days after the crash on July 22.

7/23



8/16

A meth lab believed to be the largest one ever to be discovered in Des Moines, was found by the Johnston Police at Beaver Creek Bait and Tackle. It was located on Merle Hay Road. The owners were residents of Johnston and their two sons attended Johnston schools.

September

With visitors from around the globe and worries of school shootings subsiding, this month set expectations for an interesting school year.

During Gary Bauer's visit, senior Alysha Orris asks the presidential candidate a question about his views on school violence. Bauer came to the school on Sept. 8 during the kick-off of his campaign. Students were impressed with his sincerity and willingness to answer questions. "Gary Bauer did an awesome job of making us aware of how he stands on certain issues," said Orris. Bauer gave the students a chance to interact with him one-on-one by letting them ask questions after his speech. *photo by Matt Ring*



"It was good to know that a candidate for president cared enough about his voters to come visit a high school." ~Jason Kohles, '00



Logan Hollobaugh, senior...

"Everyday I walk in the front door right past the office and nobody even looks at me. Just because the doors are locked doesn't mean it's going to be harder to get a gun into the school. Kids could still do it."



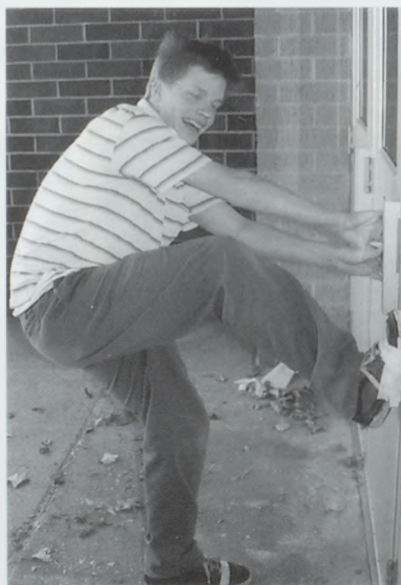
Josh Boyd, junior...

"Talk about inconvenient! Like every day I walked up to the doors, and they were locked. So I'd walk all the way around, and to my surprise, I'm not just late for biology, I'm extra late. It's crazy!"



Bethany Ottley, freshman...

"I had like 17 tardies because whenever I was late, I had to walk all the way around the building to get in. I guess having a detention is better than having psycho-killers in our school though."



Junior Aaron Haug...

violently attempts to open a locked door after venturing out to his car during class. "Why are the doors locked if there are kids who have late arrival?" asked Haug. A few kids figured out a way to yank the east doors open even though they were locked. "Every time that I pulled the door open, the ladies in the attendance office looked at me weird," said Haug. Some students thought that locking the doors was not necessary. "If a person wanted to shoot up the school, they could go in any entrance they wanted to," said freshman Dan Meyer. *photo by Ruban Vanderkwaak.*



9/8

9/13

During their trip to America, Yeong Seok Seo and Young Soon Ahn, both Korean high school teachers, visited the school. Trailing Keith Lippincott, science teacher, the visitors attended math, history and foods classes. They also helped out in Lippincott's science classes.

9/15

Seven people were killed when a gunman burst into a church worship service in Houston, Texas, with a machine gun. Pipe bombs exploded in the balcony before the shooting. The gunman, Larry Gene Ashbrook, was found dead in a pew, a product of murder suicide.



9/15

Doors to Creativity...



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Senior Emily Sloan reflects on her work...

as she decorates her homeroom door. "Door decorating was dumb because most of the kids in homeroom didn't even care about it. Eating ice cream for lunch as a prize wasn't worth the work," said Sloan. *photo by Reuban Vanderkwaak*



Hanging up some nets...

senior Erin Samson participates in the door decorating contest. Although her homeroom did not end up winning, Samson still had fun. "It actually gave us something to do in homeroom," said Samson. Susan McCravy's homeroom won the competition. *photo by Reuban Vanderkwaak*

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Take a trip...

—to Old Navy.

Shoppers run crazy...

as junior Maggie Tews folds shirts at Old Navy. "Customers can be really rude," said Tews. "We found a whole bag of stuff under a table once. The people just picked a bunch of items off the shelves and left them all on the ground. Opening night was just nuts." Old Navy opened on Sept. 15, packed with shoppers from all over Iowa. *photo by Reuban Vanderkwaak*

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Senior Meredith Calhoun...

tightens the belt on a mannequin during her first night at Old Navy. "It was busy. That night there were lines all the way to the back wall from the front of the store," said Calhoun. Many students got jobs at Old Navy. "The job is fun, even though they brainwash you into thinking Old Navy is life," said senior Jacob Reichling. *photo by Reuban Vanderkwaak*

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9/16

After its rampage on the Bahamas, hurricane Floyd continued up the East Coast, causing major flooding and winds in the Carolinas. 26 million people were said to have evacuated the area where 200,000 houses lost power. Ten deaths were blamed on the storm.

9/21

Six hundred people died and 3,000 were injured when an earthquake ripped through Taiwan. Buildings and houses were crushed. The quake measured 7.0 on the Richter scale, and it was said to be around the same intensity as the quake on Aug. 17 in Turkey.

9/21



9/27

Sixteen year old Santos Vidal Rodriguez shot and wounded two Des Moines police officers on this Monday night. The teen was critically injured when the officers returned fire. Later, when authorities searched Rodriguez's car, they found a shotgun, another pistol and marijuana.

October

Fifty-three parking spaces were added to the parking lot in hopes of solving the issue of not having enough spaces.

Steve Mulholland, junior

"I think the way they solved the parking problem was a good idea because it frees up more space in the back so students have more parking there."



Heather Haskin, senior

"The side parking helped a little, but it's still hard for upper-classmen that arrive late and have to walk all the way to the front of the building."



Student Opinions

Construction begins...

on the new parking located on the west side of the school. The spaces were reserved for faculty and visitor parking. "The decision on how it was to be done was simple because that's the only place we had to have it done," said assistant director of buildings and grounds Tim Kline. "We decided on the time (to begin construction) because we had to wait until the school board approved it before we could hire contractors."

photo by Courtney Howard



1. If train A is leaving Omaha at 9 miles per hour and train B is leaving Kansas City at 6 miles per hour, what will the kinetic force be if they

Question: Should seniors be required to take ITED's?

A



"Yes, I think seniors should be made to take ITED's. If one-fourth of the school's students are not participating, it will not accurately show our high school's academic success."

~Jonathan Hardy, '00

B



"Seniors should not have to take ITED's because they already have the ACT's and SAT's out of the way. It doesn't really benefit seniors to take them. Also, colleges don't look at the results."

~Mark Bunge, '02

C



"I didn't see a point in forcing us to take the ITED's because most of us already know where we're going to college. Also, most colleges don't look at those scores for admission anyway."

~Misti Thoren, '00

10/1

Phish performed at Hilton Collesium. "It was my first Phish show and I was taken aback by the culture they have," said junior Josh Boyd. "It was like a family. There were people in the parking lot that were all happy and hugging each other."

10/5

Apple introduced a new computer, the iMac DV, which featured a DVD player and iMovie, a software program designed for digital video editing. A user could connect his/her camcorder to the computer allowing footage to be recorded directly to the program.

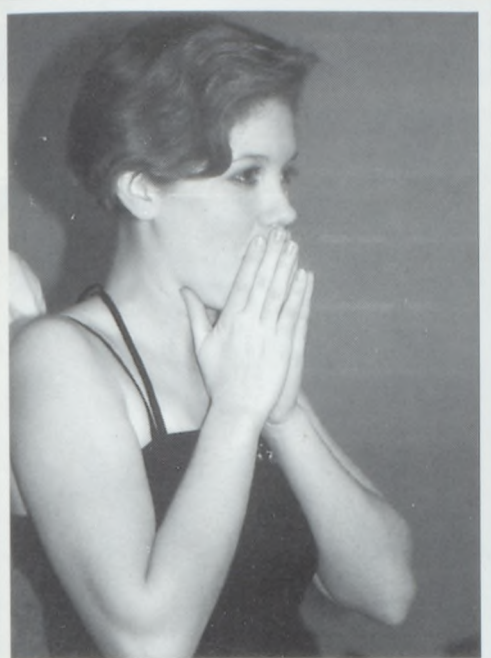
10/9

Seven students went with government teacher Jay Shackett to the Jefferson Jackson Dinner where presidential candidates Al Gore and Bill Bradley spoke. "It was neat because our table was right in front of Tipper and Al Gore's tables," said senior Andee Jo Houle.

10/13



Competition Proved Tough



Anxiously waiting...

junior Molly Haight watches as the soprano recall list is posted. "I was nervous because I made All-State last year and felt like I needed to make it again," said Haight. *photo by Courtney Howard*

Three band members, three chorus members and two alternates were chosen for All-State, half the number from last year. According to chorus teacher Jodi White and band director Jessica Paff, the lack of students chosen was not due to lack of preparation. "All of the students who auditioned were well prepared and presented themselves in a professional manner," said White. "We had a lot of inexperienced members audition that gained a lot of musical growth."

Preparing for practice...

senior Keegan Armstrong and sophomore Angela Smith write out the counts for each note in the song *Sicut Cervus*. "It helped us a lot because then we knew when to come in and could listen to each other better," said Smith. *photo by Courtney Howard*



Four members of cross-country took their clothes off and ran in their underwear during practice on Oct. 5. "We'd done it before in the woods and we decided to do it starting from the school that day instead," said junior Mike Cameron.

Seniors

Kai Carlson and Matt Skeens and juniors Brad Paul and Jon Muecke were suspended for three days. The suspension was shortened to two days after parents of cross-country members called to complain about the length of the suspension.

Team members made shirts and put up signs in protest of the suspensions. Below, senior Brett Carlson meets with others to distribute shirts in the student commons before school.



There were mixed emotions about the incident. "People will remember us as being funny, but I wouldn't do it again because I had to miss one of the meets and had to run JV because of that," said Skeens.



Bowling "granny-style"...

senior Mike Porter participates in Bowl for Gold, an event to raise money for Special Olympics. "It was cool to help people and have fun at the same time," said Porter. *photo by Courtney Howard*

Top Halloween Costumes

Find out what everyone was wearing



1 Austin Powers

pictured: John Lee, '02



2 Superman

pictured: Jonathan Ceolla, '03



3 Roaring 20's

pictured: Mary Winzenburg, '02

information from The Theatrical Shoppe

10/16



10/25-10/29

Red Ribbon Week was held by SADD. Members tied ribbons to students' cars, passed out licorice during lunch, talked to elementary students about being healthy and dressed up as the Grim Reaper to tell students the dangers of drinking and driving.

10/26

Student Council sponsored an event where students trick or treated for food items. Student Council member senior Ben Hannery said, "It was for National Make a Difference Day. Urbandale's Student Council helped us collect food, which we gave to Door of Faith."

10/31

Egypt Air Flight 990 crashed off Nantucket Island and 217 people were killed. There was no distress call from the pilot and both engines were turned off manually, which led some to believe the co-pilot was suicidal and crashed the plane on purpose.

Homecoming

On Sept. 28, the school was T.P.ed two days before the scheduled night. "Officer (Dale) Waller showed up a little earlier than expected. After he went through the Winwood Apartments everyone scattered, and we all managed to meet up at 62nd Ave. Officer Waller thought that it would be very bad for us to T.P. I told him we had about 100 students and about ten times as much toilet paper. I said 'we came to do it and we aren't leaving until it's done'," said senior Andy Bro. "It was very satisfying when we got it done. It felt like we (the students), conquered them (the cops)."

Later, after the T.P.ing was over, there was damage caused to six light posts in the Winwood Apartments. The estimated damage was \$3,000. The school assumed responsibility, since the police believed that Johnston students caused the damage.

The supervised T.P. night took place on Sept. 30 without the attendance of many seniors. Senior Lisa Doudna said, "I remember we threw a couple of rolls and then just sat down and talked because no one was even T.P.ing. It would have been better if more people had been there (at the supervised T.P.ing), but on the unsupervised night, like the whole grade was there and it was more fun."

Aiming high...

senior Angela Jennings takes part in the annual supervised senior T.P.ing. The football players were advised not to attend the T.P.ing and didn't. Junior Justin Serbus said, "After pasta dinner, we (the football team) stayed and watched movies and then they let us out. Coach (Spence) Evans told the seniors not to T.P. because the night before the game we should be focused and get a good night's rest." photo by Megan Stetson



Smiling with joy...

senior Ashley Bengard accepts her flowers after she was crowned homecoming queen and senior Barrett Tucker was crowned king. Bengard said, "I didn't even think I was going to be queen because I was told that someone else was going to be queen." Bengard was also a homecoming attendant her freshman year. "It was really cool to be on the homecoming court twice," said Bengard. photo by Megan Stetson



Powder in the face

During Rock Around the Clock, sophomore Jamie Lamberti digs around desperately to find a gummy bear hidden in a pie tin of powdered sugar. Lamberti said, "It was really gross because the powder got into your eyes and it was really messy." She also said, "It (Rock Around the Clock) is a lot of fun, especially with your friends." photo by BreeAnn Williams

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photo by Reuban VanderKwaak

Senior attendants Blake Brown and Mary Mullenix wave and smile to some friends toward the end of the homecoming parade. Brown said, "It was my first time riding in the parade. I thought it was really cool."

Go Johnston!

Freshmen cheerleaders Ande Skinner, Andrea Hosing and Ashley Castellano throw candy to the attentive crowd. Skinner said, "It was a lot of fun. It was great to be finally in (the parade) and not watching."

Hey what's up? :

photo by Michelle Collignon



9/27

Jamaican day started off the homecoming week. *Escape to Jamaica* was the theme of the week. Students were told to dress as if they were in Jamaica or in a warm climate. Many people dressed in Hawaiian shirts and clothing.

9/28



9/29

The third day of the homecoming week was pajama day, which was also toga day for the seniors. Many people participated in this day. Some brought their favorite stuffed animals and teddy bears to school and wore their slippers.

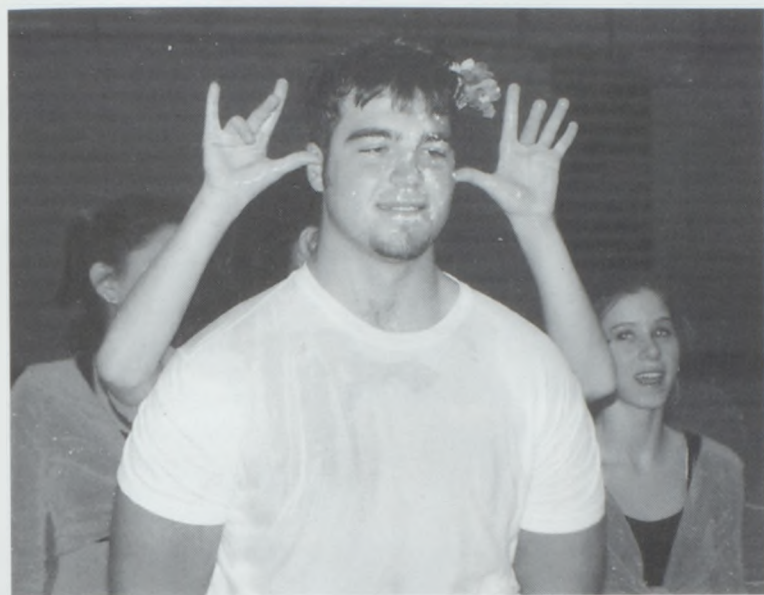
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Decade day landed on the fourth day of the homecoming week. People came dressed up in their favorite decade. The day was also the day of the parade and the float contest. The seniors were the winners. The senior T.P.ing also took place that night.

Pretending to get ready for school...

senior football player Adam Tillman is helped by senior Danz team member Micaelah Morrill in a skit at the pep assembly. They went through the whole process of waking up, brushing their teeth, shaving, washing their hair and each player got a finishing touch. In Tillman's case, it was a bunch of flowers. *photo by Lena Rydberg*

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What was the best part?

"I think the most exciting aspect of the week was the week itself. With dress-up days, the parade, the game and the dance, all together you actually looked forward to coming to school."

Leslie Rittierodt '03

"I think the dress up days are fun. It gives people a chance to let their personalities come out. Some are very interesting. I think it is a good thing and should be continued in the future."

Aimee Kempf '02



photo by Michelle Collignon

Senior Tia Krultz concentrates on hitting the pop can with a stocking in a Rock Around the Clock event. The team that she participated for was called the *Seniorz*. Krultz was also one of the senior attendants on the homecoming court.

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photo by Michelle Collignon

While junior David Batchelder retrieves the spoon, junior Mike Cameron waits to finish the game so their team, the *P.E. All Stars*, can win the event. "We molded our outfits after what we thought true P.E. All Stars should wear," said Batchelder.

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photo by Reuban VanderKwaak

Senior Alyssa Smith rides her horse, Okie, in the homecoming parade. She was accompanied by senior Katie Sorak and junior Kendra Landsberger on horseback. "It was really neat and cool to ride our horses in the parade," said Smith.

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photo by Jessica Madole

During drama class, sophomore Katie Hannan sits attentively. Hannan said, "My favorite day would have to be decade day because it was so cute to see all the clothes. My favorite costume of that day was (senior) Meredith Calhoun's of an old lady."

9/30



10/1

Spirit day took place on Friday of the homecoming week. Students wore clothing that was purple and gold or spotted Johnston clothing. During the pep assembly, two events were held that were very messy, especially for the football players.

10/1

The homecoming game was played against Ankeny. Ankeny won 56-14. Junior football player Jacob Bottoms said, "It was a really fun game because it was the only game that I really played in. Everyone on the team played really well."

10/2

The homecoming dance was a very busy place because of the mass attendance and Mullica Portrait Studio taking formal and casual pictures. There was also a newly hired deejay played to provide the music for the dance this year.



Student Life

spread by Michelle Collignon

November

The National Scholastic Press Association journalism convention was held from Nov. 17-20 in Atlanta, Georgia. Twenty-four students from the yearbook and newspaper staffs traveled there to enter their publications in contests. A number of mini-sessions were also held for students to attend in order to learn more about topics in journalism.

The yearbook staff placed seventh in the nation with the '99 *Causing an Uproar* yearbook. The newspaper staff received third place for a special issue paper. They also placed 10th for their October issue. Previously, they had never won anything at this event.

And the winners are...

Yearbook-Honorable Mentions

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Newspaper-Honorable Mentions

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Feature Writing: Kristi Kielhorn

Performing at The Tabernacle (House of Blues) in Atlanta...

Blink 182 sings one of their opening songs, "Don't Leave Me." The members of the band were Mark Hoppus, Tom DeLonge and Travis Barker. The tickets originally cost \$17.50 and the show was sold out, but brokers were selling tickets for \$40-\$70 before the show to scalpers. This was also the last show of their tour. The opening bands for the show were Fenix TX and Silverchair. *photo by Michelle Collignon*



Adding number plates to the new lockers...

school-hired worker, Josh Patterson, finishes up the process of getting the lockers in place. The new lockers were added because the freshmen were the largest class ever to enter the school. Until the lockers were put up in November, some freshmen had to share lockers with their older siblings. *photo by Michelle Collignon*



After getting dressed up prom-style...

junior Jen Wiley and senior Reuben VanderKwaak slow dance while in Atlanta, Georgia, for a journalism convention. There were two dances held in one of the ball rooms for the journalism students at the hotel where they stayed. Wiley said, "Reuben and I wanted to attend the dance in style. We only stayed at the dance for about 10 minutes though because neither of us can dance and the music sucked. Plus, all the people there were just plain dumb. It was still fun while it lasted." *photo by Michelle Collignon*

"We had these people across the way from us who kept spying on our room. To make their day a little more enjoyable, we put on a little 'show' for them, if you know what I mean. With the parties and dances in room 1438, we had a great time."

***Reuben VanderKwaak, '00**



"While in Atlanta, I was in the clubs and organizations write-off contest. I felt like my writing was okay. When we got our critiques back, I saw that my judge scored me really well. I was disappointed though because I didn't win anything."

***Megan Stetson, '00**

"I had the most fun ever in Atlanta because I bought a scalped ticket to see my two favorite bands, Fenix TX and Blink 182. The shows made me realize that I don't really need school to make a living because I want to become a musician."

***Adam Hornling, '02**

"The best part of going to Atlanta was hanging around at night and messing around. It was fun when we skipped a session to go to McDonald's to eat breakfast. I also like being away from home and not having as much supervision."

***Marissa Stetson, '02**

"Aside from the fun stuff I learned a lot about journalism and Atlanta's culture. I was happy that our newspaper received two awards. Since we had never won anything at this event, it was a really unique experience for me."

***Spencer Wise, '00**



11/1

Walter Payton, the great Chicago Bears running back, died of complications from a rare liver disease at age 45. Although Payton was diagnosed with Primary Sclerosing Cholangitis, it was believed that the disease could have been treated by a liver transplant.

11/4-11/6

Some students, teachers and parents gathered their stuff and headed to the Leadership Retreat at Boone Camp for three days. They did activities in small groups and had bonding experiences, such as giving warm fuzzies to each other and playing cabin hide and seek.

11/6

The varsity cheerleaders received fourth place at state which was held at Southeast Polk High School. Coach Stacia De Luca said, "I think it was very positive for the girls to be in a competition. It elevates their performance and it helps them see what they need to improve on."

11/6





Igniting the prairie on fire...

a Pioneer worker goes down a row of grass to finish his job. "Every four years the prairie land is intentionally burned so that it is less likely to catch on fire accidentally. They also burn the crops to build a new prairie," said Johnston graduate and fire fighter Andy Wilson. The smoke rose into the air causing some people to believe there was an accidental fire. *photo by Michelle Collignon*



Speaking into the microphone...

news anchorman Kevin Cooney talks to government students. Government teacher Jay Shackett said, "I had Kevin Cooney come in to talk about media and its role in the political process and the caucuses when they are here in Iowa." *photo by Michelle Collignon*



Thanksgiving

Imagining wanting to fly...

sophomore Mike Gauthier looks up at the ceiling during the fall play while the audience listens to senior Haverlee Ottley explain what he is acting out. This particular skit was called *Larry Walters Flies*. Senior Anne Peterman and junior Kristin Demanett were also a part of this skit. The play was called *All I Really Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten*. *photo by Megan Stetson*

Grubbing on thanksgiving food...

freshman Rachel Larson drinks her water as her sister, senior Chelsey Larson, takes a bite of mashed potatoes. The Larsons stayed at their house with family and had some relatives over to eat a late dinner since C. Larson had to work in the morning and afternoon. After dinner, the family went on a walk, and later that night, had some friends over to play board games. *photo by Michelle Collignon*

MTV Sports and Music Festival 3D

November 13

The competitions and events were held at T.J. Lavin's house, the Dunes in Nevada and the Las Vegas Hard Rock Hotel.

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• **Featured music was performed by Blink 182, Juvenile and the Cash Money Millionaires, Foo Fighters, Smash Mouth and Rob Zombie.**

• Bike stuntist Matt Beringer was the winner of the BMX Barbeque which was a show to seek the best bike stunts.

• **Winner of the In-Line Best Trick was skater Shane Yost. It was hard for the judges to decide who had the best trick, so all the names of contestants were put into a hat to pick the winner.**

• During the Free Style Moto Cross at the Dunes in Death Valley, Mark Cinqmars rode the natural train course and set the new free-style record. The record he set was 196.3 feet. He was hoping for 200 feet when jumping the sand, but came close and still set the record.

• **Tony Hawk retired at age 31 after his final competition at the Las Vegas Hard Rock Hotel. He was known as the "Embassador of Skateboarding." Hawk was also the only skater to land a 900 in the history of skating. On his last professional competition he also landed his second 900 and won the skate tricks trophy.**

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In Urbandale, authorities investigated a pipe bomb found on a pickup truck. It was said that the maker of the explosive was most likely an amateur. Stephen and Donna Wenzl found the pipe bomb attached to their pickup truck near their house.

The All State concert took place in Ames. Members who were chosen to sing were seniors Courtney Howard and Ryan Burnley junior Molly Haight and sophomore Emily Scholten. The band members that were chosen were junior Katie Albrecht and senior Travis Anderson.

Polk County voters said 'yes' to a referendum to raise the sales tax in the county by one cent. It was to provide more money for school buildings. The Polk County election office revealed that 54,287 voters were for the sales tax and 43,067 voters opposed the tax increase.

December

Eg witness account of the World Trade Organization in Seattle.

According to *Time*, protesters threatened to turn the WTO's meeting on free trade into a free-for-all. The WTO wanted a more globalized economy. In the U.S., the "mobilization against globalization" was ignited by labor unions who opposed moving jobs to Mexico and other low-wage countries and who fought against low tariffs for foreign-made goods. Protesters weren't against trade, but they wanted corporation-friendly rules to include social concerns like the environment, labor rights and Third World poverty.

Senior Greta Davis was visiting her brother in Seattle, where the WTO meetings were held. "It was crazy because everyday, bus loads of people were getting dropped off. When I left the apartment I would get flyers handed to me," said Davis. "When I was in Nordstrom's one day, people came in there yelling about fur. Some also scaled the outside of Old Navy and hung huge banners about it being a sweat shop right above the Old Navy sign. The building was over five stories tall, too."

"Monday the main conference was supposed to be held, but the protesting was overwhelming, so they postponed it. The violence didn't break out until the day after I left though," said Davis.

Bush vs Hatch



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After a Republican debate on Dec. 13...

presidential candidate George W. Bush speaks with a wild crowd of supporters and Johnston High School students at a post-debate party. About 30 Johnston students were invited to meet Bush as he got off his plane, rally outside of the Civic Center (location of debate) and watch the debate from across the street at the Capital Square. Some students even got to go into the debate. photo by Michelle Collignon

During a visit at Johnston High School...

presidential candidate Orrin Hatch talks to students about how he stands on certain issues such as abortion and poverty. He also spoke about a lot of his personal experiences. "That night at the debate Hatch said some of the same stuff that he talked about when he came to visit us," said senior Chelsea Hughes. Hatch came on Dec. 13, which was the night of a Republican debate in Iowa. photo by Michelle Collignon

AOL SPECIALS OF THE CENTURY

Movie - *Star Wars*

Song - "What a Wonderful World" by Louis Armstrong

Fad - Rubik's Cube

Book - *The Stand* by Stephen King

Athlete - Michael Jordan

TV ad - Wendy's "Where's the Beef?" ad

TV show - *The Simpsons*

Event - Man Walking on the moon

Woman - Mother Teresa

Man - Albert Einstein

American - Thomas Edison

Nearly two million votes were entered from all 11 categories



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Dancing the night away...

in a fog-filled room, senior Jessi Reece shows her moves on New Year's Eve. Senior Genevieve Ramsey and some friends rented out a spot at Camp Dodge to hold the party. There were over 150 people invited and many came and went as the night progressed. Others went to a variety of different places to celebrate the new year. photo by Michelle Collignon

Party of the Year: NEW YEAR'S EVE



Brian McMillen, '03

"I partied and hung out at (freshman) Alicia Mireles' party on New Year's Eve. There were like 40 or 50 people there and it was at a hotel in one of the ballrooms, but some guys and I just hung out in the public area because it was more fun than in a crowded room. Everyone had to leave at like 3 a.m. I was hoping that TuPac was coming back, but it hasn't happened so far, so the new year sucks!"



Tyler Cate, '02

"I got stuck at home with my parents so I just sat online and watched TV. It was pretty boring. I knew nothing was going to happen (at midnight) though, because people have been seeing the year 2000 coming for a long time. They should have been ready. It is dumb to think the world was going to end and the electricity would go out. People panicked at the turn of the millennium in 999 and nothing happened then."

12/3

The state Danz team competition took place at Veterans Memorial Auditorium in downtown Des Moines. They placed sixth at the event. Senior Lindsey Conway said, "The competition was a lot tougher. We moved up a category and the other teams there were really good."

12/5

The top jazz band went to the Augustana Jazz Festival and took second place. Director Jessica Paff said, "We did really well. The jazz band that got first place was really awesome (Sophomore) Justin Hazeboek and (senior) Sandeep Rao received outstanding soloists of the day."

12/5

The 1999 Holiday Tour of Homes took place and was sponsored by Dollars for Scholars to raise money for their program. One of the tour homes included the home of Gregory and Stacey Tacker and their children, Gregory (freshman) and G.M. (junior).

12/8-12/9





During the prayer...

at dress rehearsal for Madrigal dinner, senior Haverlee Ottley sings the song "I Have Longed For Thy Saving Health." Concert Choir put on Madrigal dinner for the community to come watch and enjoy a nice cooked meal. "It was my second year participating in Madrigal. Royal Court was cool because we could eat all the good food while the servants brought us stuff. Plus, we got to wear pretty cool costumes and get all fancy," said Ottley. "My favorite part was all the bonding and seeing how we're with each other for a week straight. My least favorite part was learning the goofy dance. There were six couples and we had to learn a dance called a galiard. We felt a little stupid doing it. The moves were just dumb." photo by Michelle Collignon

Jeff Robertson, '00

• Senior Jeff Robertson bowled at the Team USA bowling trials in Reno, Nevada.

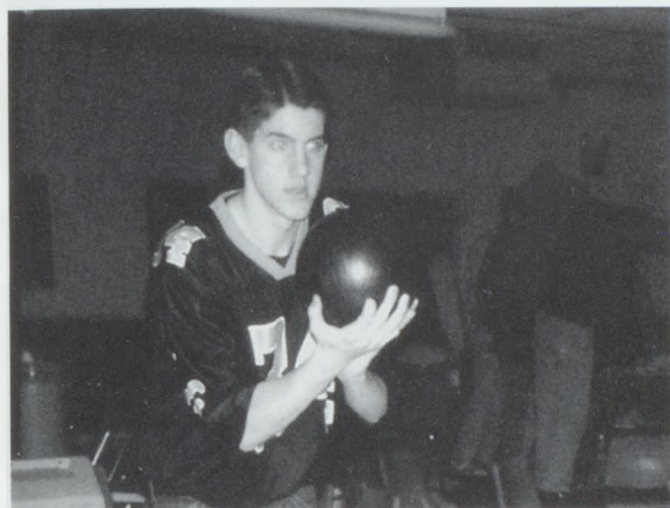


• To practice, he played at least 12-20 games a week. That totaled around six or seven hours a week.

• Being only 17 years old, he was also the youngest competitor there. The oldest person was 56 years old.

• He was one of 109 male bowlers to compete for one of nine spots on Team USA for the Olympics.

• Robertson placed 82nd after playing three sets of eight games.



"It was my first time to ever go glow-in-the-dark bowling. It was really different from regular bowling because there were black lights and loud music, so it was a lot more fun."

~Andy Paine, '00

While glow-in-the-dark bowling...

senior Andy Paine walks down the lane in preparation to throw the ball. Paine went bowling with some friends over Christmas break. "It was a lot of fun, there was good music and the people I went with were really fun to be with. It was funny because some people's clothes looked really weird under the black lights," said Paine. photo by Michelle Collignon

What did you do over Christmas break?



photo by Michelle Collignon

Jane McConnell, '02

"I went to Louisville, Kentucky, for a few days at the beginning of break. I went to look at the horse we were interested in purchasing. I went with my mom and my horse trainer's daughter, Amanda Simpson, who graduated from JHS last year. I ended up getting the horse and he is a five-gaited American Saddlebred. The horse's registered show name is Harlem's Knight and whoever the breeder was, gave him his name at birth. But, we call him Merlin at the barn."

12/9

Junior Kate Winzenburg and seniors J.D. Marvin, Grant Mandsager and Betsy Sanders participated in the Heartland Knowledge Bowl championship round. Their team tied for fifth place. There were 24 teams from 18 central Iowa high schools that were in the competition.

12/13



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There was a Christmas Lightfest at Cutty's Campground and Resort in Grimes to benefit the Children's Miracle Network. The drive-through festival featured more than 200 animated and non-animated lighted displays. They ranged from 45 feet tall to 800 feet wide.

12/31



Division A-F

Adding some aesthetic pleasure...

to her clay structure, freshman Megan Miller carefully plans out her sculpture in art class. "Mr. (Daniel) Weiss told us all to take time and care about our self-chronicles. I decided that if this piece of mud is going to represent me, then I should do my best to make it sturdy and look appealing to the eye," said Miller.

photo by Michelle Collignon

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Pumping up the crowd...

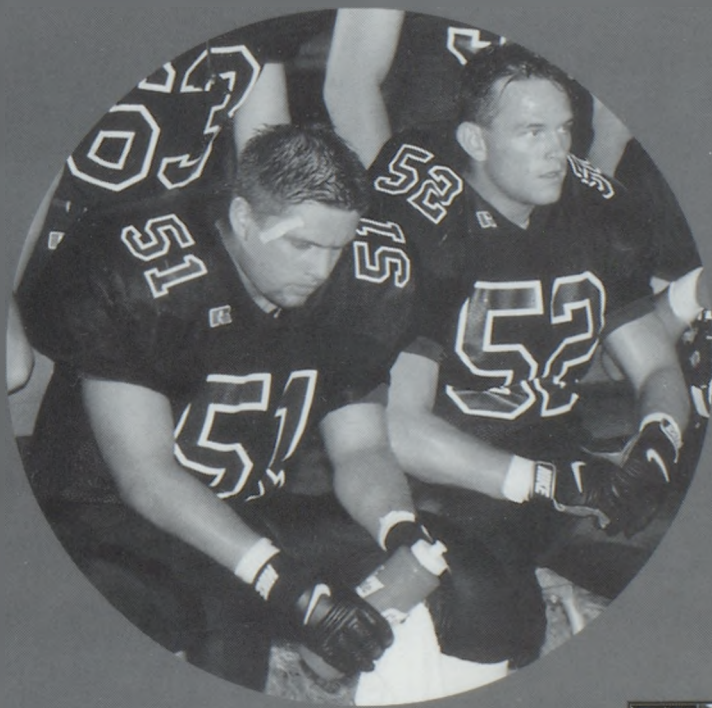
junior Ally Maas does her best to make a perfect right angle with her head and arms. "There is more to cheerleading than short skirts and jumping around. It is actually a lot harder than it looks. I'd like to see someone like (junior) Brian Huff come to one of our practices and see how 'easy' it is since I hear him make fun of it all the time," said Maas. *photo by Reuben VanderKwaak*

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Displaying his 'owie'...

senior Damon Myers glistens with sweat while clinging to his water bottle as he sits out during a play. Senior Canyon Atwood sits beside him and ponders the outcome of the football game. "Warming the bench isn't as fun as playing, but everybody needs a chance to play and after awhile you just need to sit down and rest," said Atwood. *photo by Michelle Collignon*

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Restoring Solidity

Students realized they had to become more indulged in their artwork after the return of art instructor Daniel Weiss.

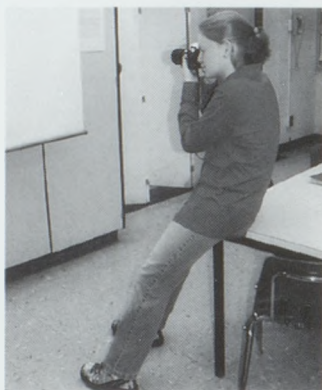
Being absent from school and then coming back isn't always easy. Weiss had to deal with this situation. He was absent for six weeks due to having surgery. It was to fix a condition called achalasia.

Mrs. Paula Skinner substituted for the time Weiss was recovering. She took on the challenge of teaching Essentials of Art, Design I, Photo Art II and two classes of Photo Art I. Sophomore Liz Roberts also helped teach sixth hour photo every other day. Skinner said, "I was a little reluctant at first, but I really liked the experience. It was extremely positive. They were a great group of kids."

With Weiss' return, students came to know how his teaching was subsequently different. Weiss said, "To be honest, when I came back I was apprehensive because I didn't know what it would be like. I was very patient and understanding with the kids." *spread by Michelle Collignon*

Finishing off a roll of film...

sophomore Liz Roberts focuses on the projector screen during Photo Art II. Roberts said, "My goal for the class is to have a great portfolio by the time I walk out of here. I like how the class is small, we get more individual time." The class only had four students in it. *photo by Michelle Collignon*

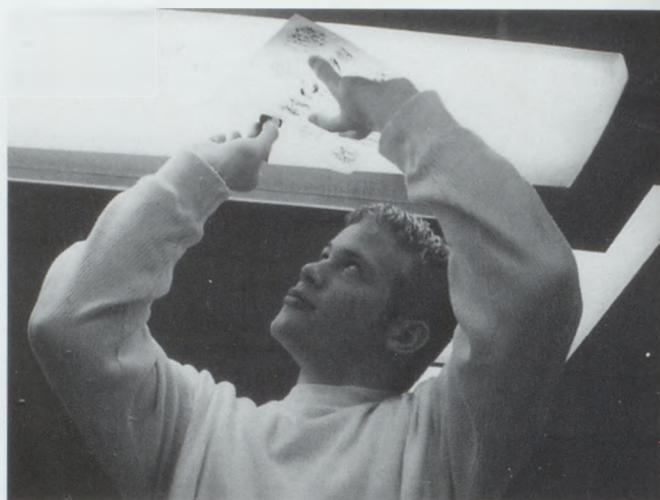


Applying heat to her form...

freshman Melissa Larson solders while instructor Krista Osterberg points to where she should concentrate the heat. Metals was a new class. "Metal was my emphasis in college so I decided to get a class together. It did take quite a few steps," said Osterberg. *photo by Michelle Collignon*

Rubbing textures onto his paper...

junior Van Holmgren practices for an assignment in Drawing. The students had to do practice tests by rubbing charcoal on a variety of different textures. Holmgren said, "Mr. (Daniel) Weiss has many different ideas on how to use and bring out people's talents. He applies them in unique assignments." *photo by Michelle Collignon*



"I plan on going into Design I and Essentials of Art is the prerequisite to that. I want to learn the essentials of art, I guess. I also tend to work better with (Mr. Daniel) Weiss. I am more comfortable with him teaching."



'02 BROOKE FULLMER



"I decided to take Metals as a class because I thought working with metal would be interesting, and I was right about that. It keeps me busy most of the time and occasionally presents the time for a study hall."

'03 JON LUND

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Shaping a form on the wheel...
freshman Robbie Parker tries to keep it centered. Making sure the form was centered was a key point to getting a good wheel-form. This class offered clay students the opportunity to experiment with different types of clay. They were also taught about the variety of techniques they could use. *photo by Michelle Collignon*

Clay



While agitating her negatives with stop-bath...
freshman Jennifer Herrmann waits out the 30-second process of negative development. It takes about 14 minutes in the working solution, 30 seconds in the stop-bath and seven minutes in the fixer to fully develop the negatives. Then, another 10 minutes in the wash. *photo by Michelle Collignon*

Photo Art I



Constructing a foam board structure in class...
junior Tim Atkinson works on a project for Design I. Atkinson said, "We learn about design techniques and apply them to different types of assignments. This class can be used in different careers where techniques of design are used, such as architecture." *photo by Van Holmgren*

Design I



Smoothing out her clay body...
senior Meredith Calhoun perfects a sculpture during her art independent study. Calhoun said, "I set up a sculpture class in there (the art department) because there wasn't a class like that already. I only used clay, but I used all the different types there are. I mainly concentrated my study on human form." *photo by Matt Ring*

Independent Study



"I really really wanted to take Painting. I was told I was the 'only' person who wanted to take it. Then I found out other people who wanted to take painting, and there was still no class. Some also complained about the drop of Design II. I was upset because it was one more door closed to one of the few open minds at JHS."

Erin Mahoney, '01

Dan Meyer, '03

"I think, so far, that Photo Art is more interesting than other classes, but the schedule is pretty tough to adhere to. We only have like a week to finish assignments. The class is definitely worth taking, unless you are not into art at all. Mr. (Daniel) Weiss also seems to know what he is talking about."



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Learning Through Experience

More games due to the new CIML schedule made the season tough for the players.

The first season in the CIML was a learning experience for the whole team, according to junior Troy Peterson.

Peterson thought the team took the biggest hit in pitching. "Some of the pitchers had a hard time keeping their arms rested and staying healthy because the games were so close together," said Peterson.

Coach Jim Mahoney thought playing more games made the season difficult. "Normally we play 14 conference games, while this year we played 42," said Mahoney.

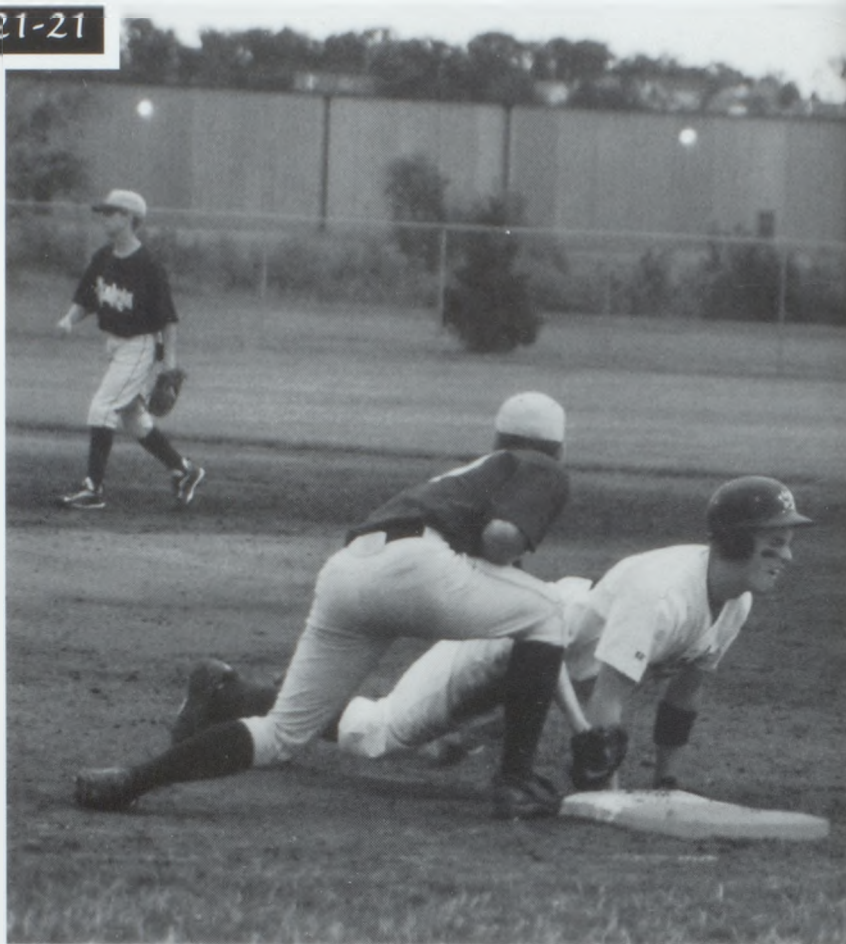
Overall, the team had a decent season, according to senior Jacob Reichling. "For the first year in the new conference we did pretty well, but we had some inconsistencies that we'll need to improve on for next year. I think our experience will help us a lot," said Reichling.

Although the season was tough, the team made it through with an even record. "We'll learn from our mistakes and use them to do better next year," said senior Ted Rives. *spread by Michelle Collignon and Adam Horning.*

Varsity 21-21

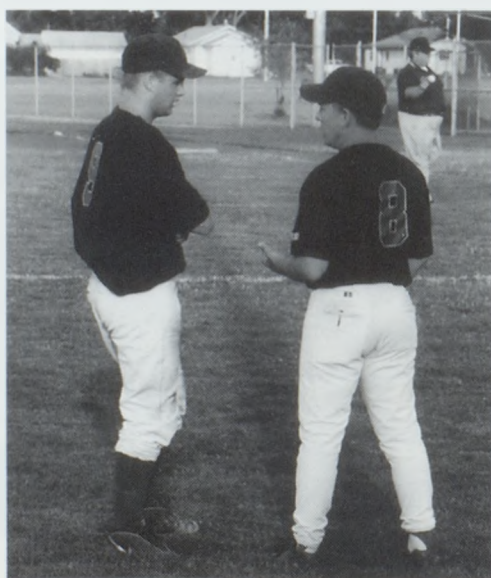
Sliding back into first base after an attempt to steal...

graduate Tim Walker gets his finger jammed into the base in a game against Hoover. Despite his injury, he ended up safe. Walker said he dislocated his finger when it hit the base. *photo by Michelle Collignon*



Senior Zac Bronson and coach Jerry Stratton...

discuss the previous play made during a JV game against Urbandale. Bronson played on both varsity and JV. *photo by Michelle Collignon*



Atlantic..... 2 1 3	Mason City..... 2 9	Mason City..... 7 6
Indianola..... 9 4	Newton..... 1 3 10	Newton..... 9 3
John City West..... 9 8	Urbandale..... 1 2 8	Urbandale..... 3 6
S.E. Polk..... 1 1 3	Ankeny..... 1 5 5	Ankeny..... 1 2 8
Mason City..... 1 2 2	Ames..... 4 8	Ames..... 1 0 0
Newton..... 1 4 3	Valley..... 8 1 7	Valley..... 3 1 4
Ankeny..... 4 3	Marshalltown..... 4 1 4	Marshalltown..... 0 3
Fort Dodge..... 9 8	S.E. Polk..... 3 8	Howe..... 1 0 0
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Bruceville..... 9 1 1	Valley..... 9 7	
Stardel..... 1 1 7	Marshalltown..... 7 9	

* Graduates Tim Walker and Chris Dickey and senior Kyle Mertz all ended the season with batting averages that were over .400.



Looking up after catching the ball at a home game...

senior Ben Lawyer prepares to throw back to the pitcher as the umpire stands up to make the call. *photo by M. Ring*

"We learned a lot this past season in work ethic. We practiced really hard



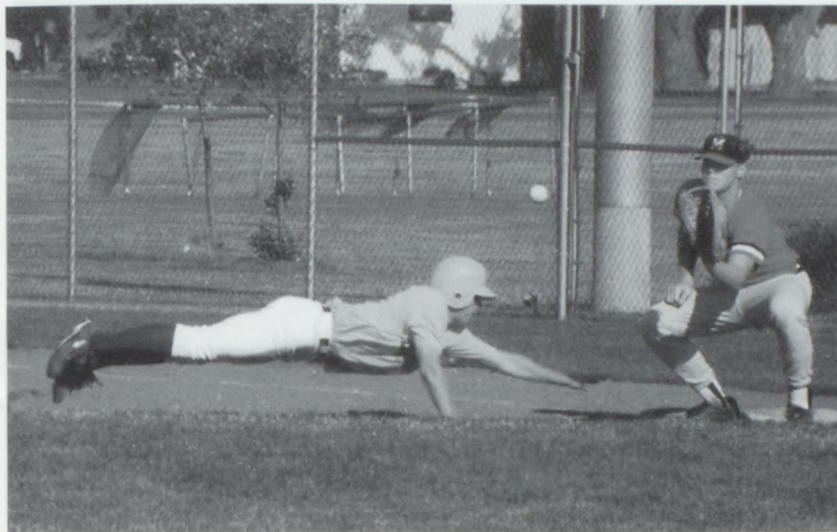
Sprinting toward third base...

junior Nathan Gerger tries to arrive before Dowling's third baseman can catch the ball. Gerger thought that two members of the sophomore team really stepped up this past season. "Ben Merrill and John Lewton got everyone pumped up for the game and kept everyone in line and focused," said Gerger. *photo by Matt Ring*

Reaching out for the bag...

junior Justin Serbus attempts to tag up before the pitcher gets the ball back to the first baseman during a sophomore game. "It's really important to watch the pitcher. The run could be the difference between a win and a loss," said Serbus. *photo by Matt Ring*

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JUNIOR VARSITY

- The team scored 20 runs in the sixth inning during a game against Ames.
- During the same game and the same inning, the team also had 29 at bats.

SOPHOMORE 16-16

- The team won the Johnston Sophomore Invitational Tournament for the first time. The tournament has been played for seven years.
- Aaron Meyer had a total of six home runs. Of his home runs, one was a game winner in extra innings against Urbandale. The team won 6-5.
- The team had a .323 batting average throughout the year.
- Pitcher Ben Merrill had a batting average of .556.

FRESHMEN 27-12

- Mark McLaughlin, Tyler Adams, Chris Foshe and Sean McAndrew all had a batting average of .500 or more.
- Cody Lewton and Robbie Robison both pitched one no-hitter against Carlisle.
- They were undefeated against South East Polk, Carlisle, Urbandale, Hoover and Marshalltown.
- The team ended the season with .400 batting average.

Varsity

Damon Myers, '00

"We worked really hard in practice and we really wanted to get to state competition. We played Marshalltown in sub-state competition and they were a really good team. It was hard losing to them. Part of the problem this year was team unity. We just didn't work together like we should have."



Brian Huff, '01

"We had a game against Dowling. There was a ton of ground balls hit toward me, so the Dowling coaches were telling them not to hit it toward me because I was 'the vacuum'. We knew going in that Dowling was a great team and it was fortunate to go in there and come up with a win."



Sophomore

"I think we had a good time with the teammates and we did pretty well overall. It was a big step up when we moved to a new conference and the competition was a lot better. There were a lot more kids at the schools we were playing, so the players ended up being a lot better."



"The road trips on the way to our games were the best because we would dress casual and have fun on the way up. Then on the way back we would stop somewhere to eat and have some more fun. We would discuss what we did wrong in the game and how to make it better the next time around."

Junior Varsity

Nick Bass, '00

Ryan Davis, '02

Freshmen

throughout the year and it showed in our record." ~Sophomore James Burnley

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Year Of The Dragon

The boys' basketball team went to state to show what they were made of.

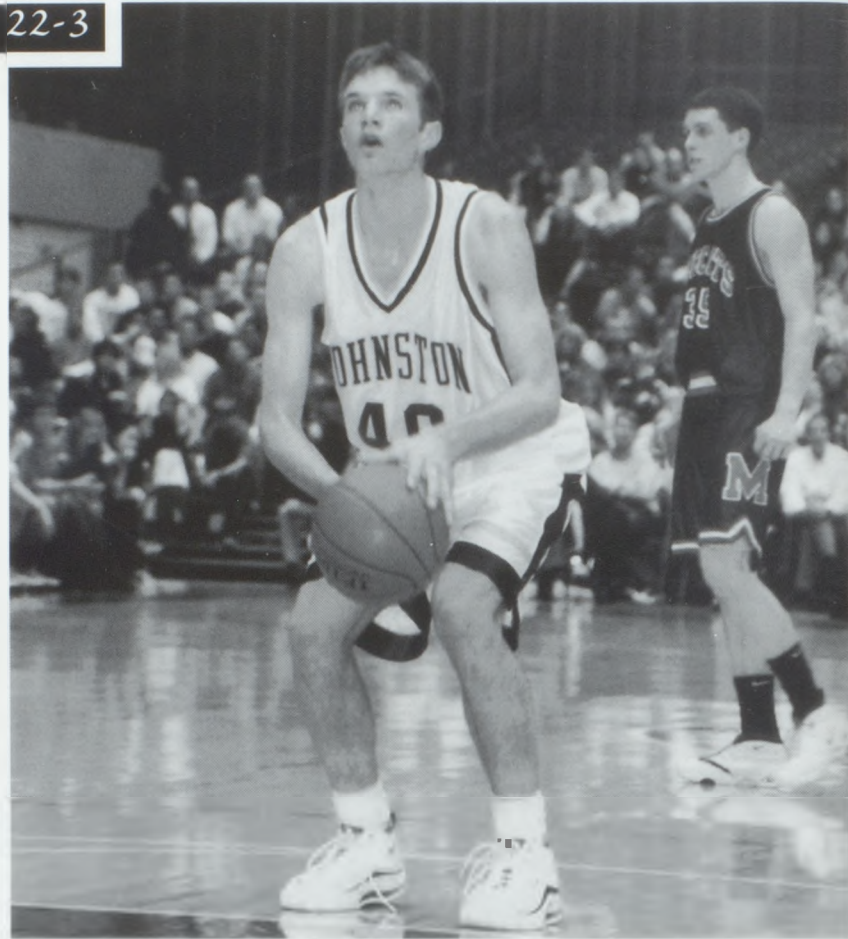
Heading to state was a hurdle that the varsity boys' basketball team easily jumped over. They ended up pulling off a championship season and placing second in the state. Going to state was a whole new experience for members of the team, and the surroundings and mood of Veterans Memorial Auditorium was a whole different playing field than the high school gymnasium.

Coach Jeff Simpson said, "The atmosphere at the state tournament has a really awesome aura to it. At the first game I could see that our team had some initial jitters that come along with playing in a new place, but soon they had their confidence back and I could tell that they had a lot of fun."

The boys ended up losing the title of first place to Iowa City West, with a final score of 45-58. Even though they may have lost, it didn't deter the team's positive attitude.

Senior Jonathan Hardy said, "Of course it would have been great to win, but I believe I was just really lucky to be a part of the whole scene and to be part of such a great team." *spread by BreeAnn Williams*

Varsity 22-3



Senior Andy Sundblad...

crouches down in preparation to shoot a free throw in order to score a point against the Marshalltown Bobcats. The final score of their first state game was 54-38, and the Dragons went on to play Cedar Rapids Kennedy later in the week. *photo by Matthew Puttny*

Clinging to the rim...

of the basketball hoop, senior Andy Paine dangles in the air for a brief moment after going up for a dunk. *photo by Michelle Collignon*



Watching the game...

junior Mike Cameron waits to be placed in the game. Cameron received the most improved award at the end of the season. *photo by Michelle Collignon*

Hoover.....	74 63	Ames.....	50 48	* The varsity team did not lose one home game over the course of the season.
Roosevelt.....	66 39	Valley.....	70 69	
Fort Dodge.....	48 36	Marshalltown.....	53 46	* The boys obtained three strong comeback wins over Ankeny, Ames and Valley.
Mason City.....	76 43	Sioux.....	75 58	
Newton.....	65 45	Ankeny.....	61 55	* The award for the most rebounds was given to senior Quinn Sypniewski with 48 offensive rebounds and 69 defensive rebounds.
Urbandale.....	47 50	Urbandale.....	65 58	
Ankeny.....	57 56	Marshalltown.....	54 38	* The team polished off their season by becoming CIML co-champions, sub-state champions and state runners up. They also had a winning streak of 12 games in a row at one point.
Ottumwa.....	57 45	C.R. Kennedy.....	56 50	
Valley.....	80 40	Iowa City W.....	45 58	* Seniors Kyle Mertz and Jonathan Hardy received leadership awards at the end of the season.
Ames.....	54 50			
Fort Dodge.....	49 39			
Marshalltown.....	49 52			
Mason City.....	71 49			
Newton.....	73 38			
Urbandale.....	70 60			
Ankeny.....	68 36			

"Something pretty crazy was at Valley when all of the sudden the lights went out and we

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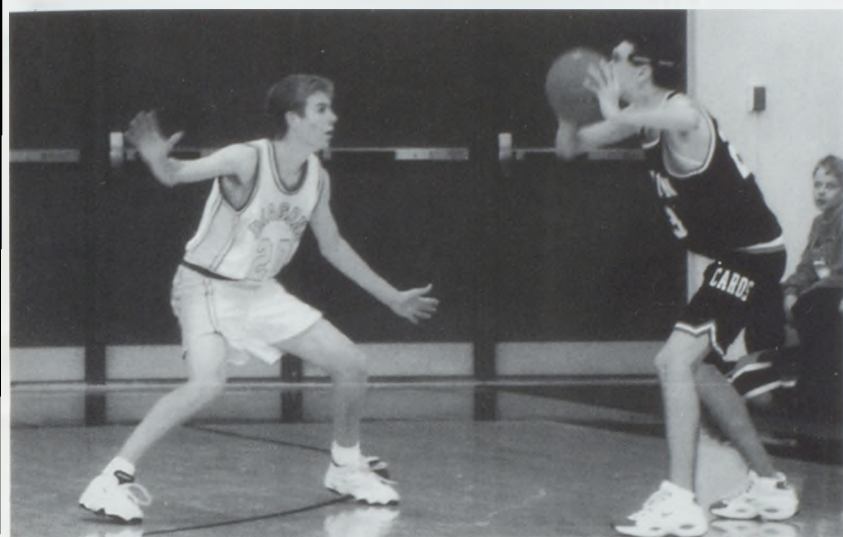
Going for the lay up...

junior Ben Merrill grips the ball, guarding it against any unwanted opponents from Valley. Merrill was on the junior varsity team, which played 14 games during their season and won nine games. photo by Megan Stetson

Spreading out his arms...

sophomore Kevin Bjork blocks against an opponent. Bjork was a leading scorer on the sophomore team with an average of 11 points per game and approximately 25 three-pointers over the course of the season. photo by BreeAnn Williams

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JUNIOR VARSITY

9-5

• The JV season had a rough start when they lost four of their first five games. They regrouped and during 'the streak,' won eight of the next nine games.

• The offensive point average of the team was 57.9 per game while their defensive point average was 48 per game. They also had an average of four three-pointers per game.

SOPHOMORES

10-9

• The team finished third in the conference with a conference record of 9-7.

• The free throw percentage for the team was 55.

• The team made 71 three-pointers during the season. Tyler Adams made the most three pointers, scoring 27, followed by Kevin Bjork with 25 and Kris Walters with 10.

• Ankeny, Ames and Mason City were teams that the team beat both times that they played them.

• Fifty points per game was the average made by the team.

FRESHMEN

12-7

• In the final CIML league standings, the team finished fourth, with a record of 9-7. They came in behind Valley, Fort Dodge and Marshalltown.

• To help the boys adjust to high school basketball, coaches Brad Johnson and Dan Petrak gave them many drills to help them improve their skills.

Varsity

Steve Rude, '00

"I really enjoyed our team this year. We all had different talents that made each person unique, but at the same time when you put all of us together, we had a chemistry that would bring out the best in all of us. We all experienced a lot together and we grew closer because of it. It was an incredible year."



"Something that really helped to make the state tournament as incredible as it was would really just be the people that I went with. Everyone on the team respected each other, we had no ball-hogs and we had no jerks. We all got along really well and had a really good balance as far as teams go."



Jon Doudna, '02



"I learned a lot from the coaches and from my team. At one game we lost to Valley and we were all pretty down about it, but we learned later on that we really hadn't come for the right reasons. No matter what, we all should just strive to play our personal best and that's really all that we can do."



"I think that the whole team had a lot of respect built up for our coaches. They (the coaches) knew how to get their points across to us without any in-your-face yelling or any excessive temper tantrums, and because of that they clearly got across to us what they wanted us to know."

Sophomore

Varsity

Ryan Johnson, '01

Adam Gray, '03

Freshmen

were in pitch black. So we had to make up the game, but we won." ~Senior Kyle Mertz

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Toughening Up

Practicing with the guys helped prepare the team for the Urbandale game.

The girls spent every day of the last three weeks of their season using a unique technique to improve their game. The new varsity coach, Rich Gradoville, came up with the idea to practice with a group of guys who he picked out to help.

"The purpose was to stimulate playing against quick-pressing teams and teams that full-court press, because for our team it is hard to duplicate it in practice. It also helped individuals improve by the one-on-one competition," said Gradoville.

The practices were mainly directed toward the big game against Urbandale which they ended up winning 39-36. Gradoville also thought it helped them in their game against Ankeny that they won after four overtimes.

Senior Angela Jennings felt it helped them to practice with the guys. Jennings said, "It made us tougher, quicker, stronger and better on offense; and it definitely showed in our games."

This new way of practicing by sweating it out with the guys proved to be successful, according to the coaches and the players. *spread by Kat Kellogg*

Varsity 15-9



Stepping inside the paint...

junior Therese Arnott puts up the jump-shot during a tough battle with the number-one ranked Dowling for the sub-state game. They lost the game by 19 points with a score of 33-52. Arnott ended up playing a total of 23 games and scored 56 jump-shots, for a total of 112 points. *photo by Sarah Sauber*

Looking for the pass...

junior Kari Boscaljon views the court during the sub-state game. With 24 points, she held the individual record for the most points scored in a game. *photo by Reuben VanderKwaak*

Dowling	33 52	Newton	45 43	* The team's highest point total was in a single game against Ankeny, winning after four overtimes. They ended up with 65 total points.
Honore	58 14	Alison City	42 27	
Roosevelt	62 30	Urbandale	39 36	
Valley	46 44	Ankeny	51 36	
Marshalltown	50 38	Ames	28 47	
Pt. Dodge	55 49	Snyder	62 32	* In 23 games, junior Maggie Tew scored 26 three-point shots.
Massac City	37 35	Boone	57 50	
Newton	47 34	* Junior Therese Arnott made 66 free-throws in the season.		* Junior Kari Boscaljon had 121 defensive rebounds and 53 steals.
Urbandale	40 52	* Senior Angela Jennings always had weird rituals before games. One time she put the team's jerseys around a trash can to stretch them out.		
Ankeny	63 65			* The team listened and sang along to the Dixie Chicks in the locker room before games.
Ottumwa	29 45			
Valley	48 60			
Ames	39 54			
Marshalltown	41 34			
Pt. Dodge	47 40			
Boone	41 44			



Chasing her opponent...

sophomore Lindsey Way tries to catch up during a sophomore home game against Ames. They lost the game 28-47. *photo by Kat Kellogg*

"Even though we weren't sure if we were going to make it to our game, my favorite memory

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In a game against Ames...

freshman Kellie Durand tries to take the ball away on defense to get it back into her possession. "One of my individual goals was to get better dribbling and shooting with my left hand. I accomplished that by practicing and working hard," said Durand. *photo by Emma Stone*

Sophomore Chelcie Goedken...

protects the ball against a defending Saydel player. They lost the game, but Goedken said, "We went into each game with a positive attitude. We were really focused, worked really hard and tried our best. If we didn't get the outcome we wanted or expected we just thought to ourselves, 'we'll get it next time'." *photo by Megan Stetson*

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JUNIOR VARSITY

5-4

- The three seniors called themselves the JV All Stars.
- It was the first year the JV had a full schedule.

SOPHOMORE

14-23

- Lindsey Way averaged 5.2 points a game.
- Chelcie Goedken had 24 rebounds in her 20 games and averaged 8.2 points a game.
- Missy Iwig scored 10 three-point shots in 25 games and averaged 7.6 points a game.
- Sophomores Katie Burpee and Julia Serbus managed the team and kept the stats. They went to all the home games.
- The team averaged scoring 33 points a game.
- Nicki Displinter averaged two assists a game.

FRESHMEN

11-26

- Lauren Fisher scored 53 field goals plus four three-point shots. She scored a total of 125 points in 20 games and averaged 6.2 points a game.
- The team averaged 33 points each game and over the entire season of 37 games, they scored 712 points.
- Allie Smith had eight assists.
- Kayla Casey shot 21 out of 32 free-throw attempts for a 65 percent total during 20 games.
- Megan Schonhorst had 66 rebounds and played 20 games.

Varsity

Maggie Tews, '01

"My favorite memory would be when we played Ankeny for the first time at Ankeny and won 51-36 after going in four overtimes. We were down by 14 and then (senior) Therese Arnott tied the game at the buzzer. I think we learned a lot as a team and I individually respected our coach (Rich Gradoville)."

"This year Coach (Rich) Gradoville came in with a lot of new ideas. At first it was hard to adjust to the change, but as the season went on we saw our team get better and better. Our team was closer this year than it ever had been in my three years of being on the team. Next year I'll miss not being a part of the team."



Cari Heffernen, '02

"I feel like our attitude varied going into each game. A lot of the time I think most people didn't want to be there, and had better things to be doing. Even if that meant being at home sleeping. We lost quite a few in a row, but toward the end of the year we improved and worked better together."

"When we played Valley at Valley, they killed us. At halftime, Mr. (Rick) Brooks took us into the locker room to give us the famous 'welcome to high school' speech. His face was all red and he was screaming at us. We had received a similar speech at Ankeny and I think we were the only team to get the speech twice."



Sophomore

Junior Varsity

Sarah Tuttle, '00

Kayla Casey, '03

Freshmen



would be when our bus broke down on the way to Boone." ~ Freshman Meredith Mertz

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Sports

New Advances

The school purchased a total of 58 computers to put in the new business lab and replace the old, broken-down computers.

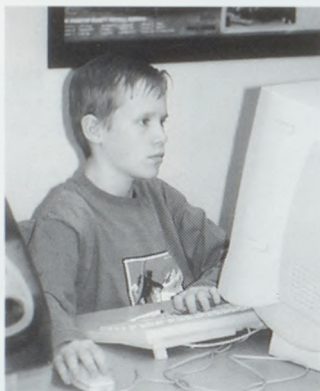
Of the new computers, 24 were used to make the new business lab, eight were put in the new multi-media lab and the rest helped to replace the LC3's that were five years old.

Media specialist Jeannette Babcock believed the computers were a good use of money. "The business department had to reduce their curriculum and they needed the internet for their work, so they requested new computers. They were well needed. The computers helped us do things that we couldn't do before, like Office Max," said Babcock.

All the different types of computers that were purchased helped in many different ways. They purchased six power PC's which helped to mentor the teachers about the computer system in the school. These were the final six computers added to the running total.
spread by Marissa Stetson

Working on an old computer on Claris Works...

freshman Geoffery Tayner works in Computer Applications. Tayner said, "They're not useful because we work out of books and they explain how to do everything on the old ones. It's confusing because it doesn't teach it on the new ones." *photo by Marissa Stetson*



Junior Cathy Partington...

thinks up new ways to improve her cereal box. Partington said, "I don't think the computers were a good use of the school's money. Our teacher was told that we couldn't save our stuff to the hard drive and since you can't save it to the disk, it gets really confusing." *photo by Marissa Stetson*

Learning what to do if someone breaks into their house...

junior Nick Neal finishes up his assignment with senior Mary Langworthy. Neal said, "In Business Law we learn about what can happen if you were to get in a car accident and how to handle it if you get sued. We also learn about the legal actions you should take." *photo by Marissa S.*



"I like the old computers better because they are easier to use. I'm use to them because I have used them in the past and have one at home. The old ones worked just fine, the school should have taken the money elsewhere."



'03 NICHOLE KIRKHART



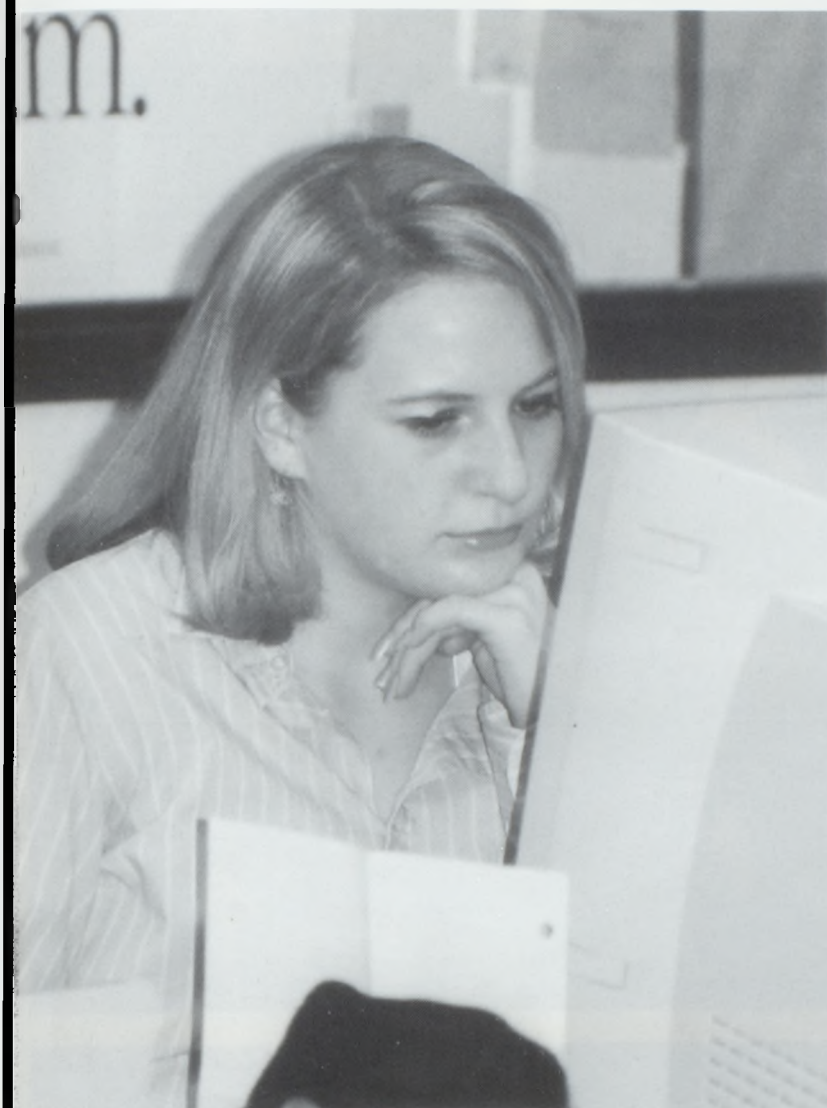
"Personally, I would much rather use the new computers because they are pretty and really fun to use. I think it was a good use of money because the school can always use new technology every few years."

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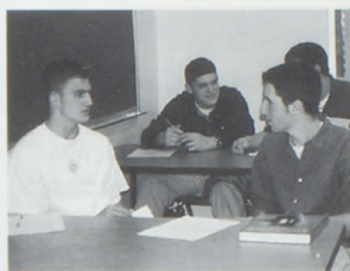


"I'm in Intro to Business and we are going over how to budget our daily expenses. The class is basically about budgeting our money in different situations. This prepares us for the future because we learn about the expenses ahead of us and how to prepare for them now. It's a good class other than the busy work."

Chris Meade, '03

Chris Briles, '01

"We are basically learning how to run a business and do our own taxes and bills. This class will help us in the future because we learn everyday activities and how to make it in the business world. I like this class because we get to work in groups on all of our homework and talk about business and other things."



Discussing their contracts...

sophomores Robbie Robison and Walter Turturro argue a point. Turturro said, "In business law we learn how the law affects running a business. My favorite part about it is learning about the legal system of the US and all the legal terms. This will help me out in the future when I go to law school." *photo by Marissa Stetson*

Business Law



Trying to get his fastest time...

freshman Ajay Bhoja works through his keyboarding lessons in class. Bhoja worked on one of the new computers. The computers were faster, had more memory and they had access to the internet. Microsoft and Office Max could be opened but couldn't before due to lack of memory. *photo by Marissa Stetson*

Keyboarding



Junior Ryan Stewart...

works on his homework out of his book. Stewart said, "We basically learn how to start up our own business, budget our money and buy stock. I wouldn't change anything about it because these are all things we can use in the future and we learn some really valuable information." *photo by Marissa Stetson*

Intro to Business



Sophomore AJ Konz...

asks for some help on her assignment in Accounting from Mr. Craig Oldham. Konz said, "Since I want to be an accountant this prepares me for classes I will take in college. My favorite part is getting exposed to new things that I have never done before and once you get the hang of it, it's fun to do." *photo by Kat Kellogg*

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Academics

Dealing With Pain

Injuries caused two girls to miss the regionals competition in Minnesota.

As regionals time came upon the Danz Team, the girls anticipated going up to Minnesota for a competition. Three days before the team was suppose to leave, junior Amanda Touch was involved in a car accident. Because of the accident Touch was not able to perform that weekend. "I was really disappointed because we worked really hard for it and I couldn't dance," said Touch.

After Touch hurt herself the team had extra practices to reformat the dances in order to be ready for the competition that weekend.

The day before the girls left, junior Elizabeth Tometich was practicing a move and her kneecap popped out of place. So the night before their performance the team worked in the hallway to get the moves down right.

"It was hard because the girls that got hurt were doing some of the harder moves so other girls had to step in and do their jobs," said coach Sonya Goodrich.

The team's efforts paid off with a division one rating and seventh place at the competition. *spread by Amy Dennis*

Danz Team



Pausing to give the effect...

sophomore Erika Devine, junior Ashleigh Griffith, freshman Whitney Dominguez and sophomore Jana McConnell stand looking at the home crowd. The team usually put on performances during half time at sporting events and during pep assemblies. *photo by Matt Putney*

Holding her pom-poms in the air...

senior Amanda Midkiff tries to get the crowd into the moment. Midkiff joined the squad at the beginning of her junior year, after she moved to Iowa. *photo by Michelle Collignon*



• Coach Sonya Goodrich was on dance team in college, so some of the girls thought that her experiences helped to make her a better coach because she knew what she was doing.

• Before junior Elizabeth Tometich was injured she was entered in an individual performance, but wasn't even able to attend the regionals competition because she was on crutches and she needed to rest.

• Before the team went to regionals they had practices in the mornings and after school.

• When sophomore Erika Anthony was five years old, she knew she wanted to dance. She started taking classes when her next-door neighbor encouraged her to try it.

• Danz team members attended a dance camp during the summer where they learned some new moves.

• Sophomore Erika Devine had never taken a dance class in her life, but being on the Danz team was just something that she had wanted to do for a really long time, so she tried it.

• Three new freshmen were on the Danz team. They were Erika Stennes, Savannah Holder and Whitney Dominguez.

• There were nine new Danz team members chosen to be on the team.



On bended knee...

junior Molly Haight gets ready for her next move. This was Haight's first year on the team and she really enjoyed it. *photo by Amy Dennis*

"When I was little I always wanted to cheerlead because I would watch all of the other older



Getting the crowd worked up...

freshman Kristen Hanson smiles after the freshmen boys' basketball team scored two points. "Cheerleading is a lot harder this year because it's high school now and it's a lot more serious than middle school. You have to be good or you won't make it in cheerleading," said Hanson. photo by Sarah Sauber

Sitting on the mat...

sophomore Kristin Foshe, juniors Heather Clarkson and Jessica Defigueiredo yell encouragement to the wrestlers during a home meet. The main purpose of the cheerleaders is to pump up the crowd and show the wrestlers that they are standing behind them and rooting for them. photo by Matt Ring

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FOOTBALL CHEERLEADING

• Senior Mary Mullenix was able to do backflips because she began gymnastics and tumbling when she was eight years old and kept it up. She has been a cheerleader all four of her years in high school.

• An experience that senior Tia Krultz remembered was when a captain quit and it was hard for them all. She learned that they need to try to work through their problems and be more tolerant and understanding.

BASKETBALL CHEERLEADING

• Practices were held Mondays through Wednesdays for an hour each day. The girls had to run for 10 minutes in the hallways. They had to do stretches, a series of jumps and a lot of working on stunts and new cheers.

• Senior Anne Waller tried out for cheerleading as a junior to get a different perspective of activities in her high school career. She liked to be able to try something new and different, meet new people and get closer to them.

WRESTLING CHEERLEADING

• Junior Jessica Behnke's worst experience in cheerleading was during the beginning of the season. She messed up a lot on the cheers, at first, because she didn't know some of them and she had to relearn a few of them because she forgot them after she learned them the first time.

• During practices the girls worked on cheers on the cafeteria floor Mondays through Wednesdays for an hour. When they had all of their cheers learned and practiced well, they helped the freshmen with their stunting techniques and spotting.

Danz Team

AJ Houle, '00

"This year was good because everyone had a better attitude and was more excited to perform. We had better choreography so we liked our dances. We also had a closer group. Another thing I liked was half time at the football games because there was a huge crowd there and they would really get into our dances."

"(Junior) Heather Clarkson first encouraged me to try out for cheerleading last year so we went out for it. We originally tried out as a joke saying that we probably wouldn't make it, or we didn't think we could. When we made it we liked it, so we just kept on doing it because it was fun."



Allison Bunce, '00



"My worst experience this year was when we went to the Mega Mall to perform and compete. We placed poorly compared to previous years. We worked so hard for it and we placed seventh, expecting a whole lot more. It was still fun though because a lot of people got to watch us dance."

"It was my first year cheerleading and I enjoyed it. My most memorable moments this year were the times that our squad went to Stella's and the other time when we went to Fazoli's before the games. Another thing I enjoyed in cheerleading was being able to get closer to the girls on my squad."



Wrestling

Jenna Von Bon, '01

Jesica Hainline, '02

Basketball

girls do it and it just looked like a lot of fun." ~Freshman Andrea Hoelsing

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Watching the director .

freshmen Rachelle Larson and Rachel Mullen join the Freshmen Chorus in "Festival Sanctus." "One of our main performances of the year was the Valley Competition. It was a good chance for us to see how we compared with all of the other chorus'. We did pretty well there and we received a two out of three. I don't really like the competitions or concerts very much," said Larson. The chorus also had three home concerts: Valentine, fall and winter. *photo by Matt Ring*



Counting her measures .

sophomore Chelcie Goedken waits while sophomore Kristen Kirkpatrick sings. "I liked Mixed Chorus a lot better than the Freshmen Chorus because there is more variety and we got to intermingle with the upper-classmen," said Goedken. *photo by Matthew Ring*



Blending in with the chorus .

freshmen Mason Viera, Marc Cabrera and Nick Ciarimboli watch for their cues from the director. "Overall chorus went pretty well. It was a lot better when we got together with the girls' chorus, because when we were alone it wasn't very much fun to rehearse," said Cabrera. "Mr. (Brenton) Brown was a really fun guy and it seemed like he always had something funny to say to us." *photo by Jessica Madole*



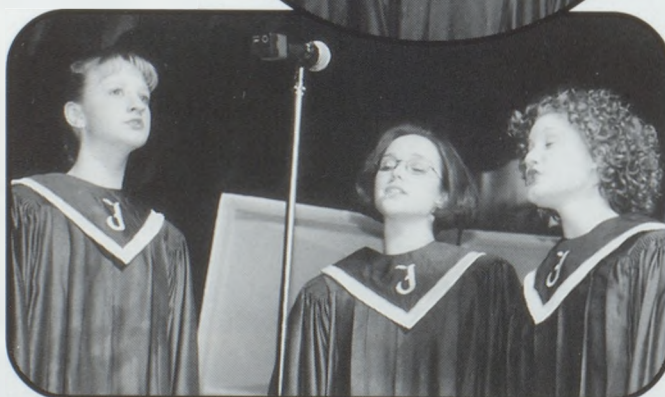
Singing along with the chorus .

senior Craig McFarling performs in his last concert of the year with the Mixed Chorus. "Mixed Chorus is the best class that I have ever taken in my high school career. I've been in it from sophomore year until senior year. I have really enjoyed it, it's fun to sing at concerts and even just in class. I couldn't pick out one year to be my favorite because I liked all of them equally," said McFarling. *photo by Matt Ring*



Harmonizing .

sophomores Holly Heckman, Katie Hannan and Whitney Armstrong sing at the winter musical. "I had a lot of fun singing with the trio. I would rather sing a solo than just singing with the chorus because in our concerts we would just basically wing it since we never really knew the words very well," said Hannan. "I really liked our new chorus director, Brenton Brown. He is a lot better than some of the choir directors that we have had in the past." *photo by Michelle Collignon*



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Hitting a high note .

sophomore Brynea Thrasher performs the introductory solo to "When You Believe." "Something I don't like about chorus is the politics. Some people get parts they don't deserve and some don't get parts they deserve," said Thrasher. *photo by Michelle Collignon*

Keeping a close eye on the director, Mr. Brenton Brown .

freshmen Cyndi Roth and Ashley Selover join in with other alto singers. "I like middle school chorus better than Freshmen Chorus mainly because I liked the songs that we sang a lot better," said Roth. *photo by Marissa Stetson*

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Lifting her voice .

sophomore Jin Hu sings her solo at the winter concert while senior Rustam Sulejmenov listens. "If I could change one thing I would make it more open and give more opportunities for the soloist. A lot of good singers go unnoticed," said Hu. "I think we did the best at our spring concert because we had good solos and ensembles. It gave us a chance to see how much we improved through the year, and it was a lot." *photo by Marissa Stetson*

Singing for the freshmen five .

freshman Dan Siedenburgh is joined in by freshmen Steven Luebke. Siedenburgh was one of the six freshmen boys that sang in the spring concert. Siedenburgh said, "It was a really neat experience performing on stage and it was also fun when we would be rehearsing just hanging out with the guys." *photo by Jessie Madole*

Former Student

Enhances

Music Atmosphere

At the end of 1995, as Brenton Brown was preparing to graduate, Mrs. Jody White teased him to return to Johnston to teach chorus. So, when Brown got a call from the administration, he never thought the joke would become a reality. "My biggest worry was what I was going to call her. Mrs. White, or Jody," said Brown.

Because of his former attendance at Johnston, Brown was familiar with the school setting and some of the students under his teaching. "I knew him (Brown) pretty well already because he graduated with a friend of mine," said freshman Aaron Grey.

Brown gained a lot of experience between his graduation and return to Johnston. Besides majoring in Music Education at Drake University while directing the St. Pius Church choir, Brenton Brown helped choreograph and compose music for such schools as Valley, Drake and Valley Southwoods.

Even with his experience of directing choirs and knowledge, teaching for the first time at a new school did take some time getting use to. "I think he did a really good job for his first year," said freshman Jenna Stone. "He became more relaxed and laid back toward the end of the year. I can really sympathize with him just because this was my first year in high school too." *spread by Matthew Ring and Marissa Stetson*

Returning to high school, graduate Brenton Brown fills the place as assistant director and takes the Freshmen and Mixed Chorus' under his direction.

How do seniors react under new direction?

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"I think that our director, Brenton Brown, has been a good thing for our chorus. It's more fun and relaxed. He is more outgoing and I like the way things are being run this year better than in the past few years of Mixed Chorus."

Jackie Huisman, '00



VS.



"I'm pleased with the way seniors have treated me through the year and the amount of respect they have shown me. I think it is a little bit easier with the older students because I am more around their age, so I can relate to them better."

Mr. Brenton Brown

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Student Opinion on...

Body Piercings

"I think tongue piercing is really cool. I think it would be less painful than a lip or a nose ring. I asked my parents if I could get one, but their reasoning was that I would never get hired for a job anywhere." **Lindsey Sassatelli, '03.**

Reflecting the lights...

sophomore Nick Reed belts out a solo on his trumpet. Reed has been playing his trumpet since middle school. "In band there are some wonderful leaders and people I have looked up to since I started (high school band) as a freshman. Seeing them push themselves to do their best makes me want to play better and try harder to do my own personal best. Now I hope I can be a good role model for younger people in band," said Reed. *photo by Roobin Vanderkwaak*



Poised in the playing position...

freshman Cammie Dudney performs at her first high school band concert. "Some people don't really like band and it seems like not too many people are in it, but every person in band is a very talented person and I respect a lot of the people who play in it," said Dudney. *photo by Reubun V.*



Leaning into the music...

senior Sandeep Rao performs his solo on the alto saxophone. Rao was in Jazz I and wind ensemble. At the Gateway Festival in Chicago Rao was named an outstanding soloist for an improvisational solo he performed where he created it and played it on the spot by harnessing his musical creativity. Jazz I, concert band, and the wind ensemble also attended the festival and all won first place. *photo by Emily Hoffman*



Tooting his horn...

sophomore Justin Hazebrook concentrates hard on performing his solo. The song he was playing was an improvisational similar to the one that Rao performed. Hazebrook was also named an outstanding soloist at the Gateway Festival. "I love making great music. I believe I'm fortunate that I'm able to play well. I enjoy entertaining others with my music and I believe that band is a great outlet for that," said Hazebrook. *photo by Reubin Vanderkwaak*



Puffing up her cheeks...

freshman Katie McKinley tilts her clarinet at an angle while playing. "The first year of high school band was definitely a learning experience. At first I was nervous that I wouldn't know anyone, but now I know better. Everyone was so nice and friendly. Anyone and everyone talked to me. There was no pressure to be a certain way. We all had one thing in common and that was music, and that helped all of us to get along," said McKinley. *photo by E. Hoffman*



Lifting up her instrument...

freshman Cortney Seibert plays the flute at the fall band concert. "The flute is an easy instrument to play. It is really handy because it is so small and the case for it is so small. I think that helps when I have to carry it long distances," said Seibert. photo by Reuben Vanderkwaak

Laughing during a moment...

seniors Travis Anderson and Emily Jamison looks on as senior David Kesse expresses his appreciation for their band director Mrs. Joanne Tubbs. The seniors gave their band directors flowers and other tokens of their gratitude. photo by Emily Hoffman

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Taking a breath...

junior Katie Albrecht stands up straight, poised to start her solo at the spring concert. "I was nervous at first, but I think I ended up doing pretty well. Even though it's scary to be in front of a lot of people, I liked being able to perform," said Albrecht. photo by Emily Hoffman

Waiting for his cue...

junior Kyle Beach pauses during a break in the concert. "I started playing the upright bass last December. Since then it has proved to be a labor of love. The instrument is so huge that I couldn't even take it on the Chicago trip because it wouldn't fit on the charter bus, so while everyone else was performing I sat there and watched. But I feel privileged because to my knowledge I am the first to ever play the upright bass at Johnston and I think it's a good step for the band," said Beach. photo by Reuben Vanderkwaak

Moving to

The Music

And Beyond

Band holds steadfast to their notorious unity despite the fact that they will be losing some cherished seniors and two very appreciated band directors.

They saw each other at seven in the morning. They performed on stage together. They headed to Chicago where they won, lost and had fun together. This was the comradeship that developed from spending an entire year as a group in the marching band, concert bands and the jazz bands.

"At first being a freshman in band was a little scary but it got better because we were spending a ton of time together. All the seniors accepted us so fast as well. I know I'll miss them a lot," said freshman Michelle Soper.

"Since the students had chosen on their own to be in band and they were not being forced to do it, I think that they all felt more of a connection among each other, and they were also a lot of fun to be around," said Mrs. Joanne Tubbs, the concert band and Jazz II director.

Next year, Ms. Jessica Paff will be taking her sabbatical and leaving to get her Master's degree, while Mrs. Joanne Tubbs will be working more over at the middle school and will not be conducting concert band.

"It's really too bad that both directors will be gone next year, but we all took part in the decision of hiring a new person, and there are no surprises. I think even though we are losing some people, we have some great people coming to join band. We will always be a unified group," said sophomore Tyler Cate. spread by BreeAnn Williams

ARE TWO SEPARATE BANDS BENEFICIAL?

S "Having two bands is bad and good. It's bad because it makes some people feel that if they are in the 'bad band,' then they don't play well, and some people in the 'good band' get cocky. It's good because the good band does well in competitions."
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Nick Ciarimboli, '03



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D "We have had two bands for three years now, and while historically I believe it was one of our biggest hurdles, the students are now use to it and have adjusted well. At first there was discouragement, but now I see a lot of growth."
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Ms. Jessica Paff

Student Opinion on...

"I don't think that the death penalty is really a good form of punishment. It's just showing killers that we are the same as them, but I have never been in that position so I don't know firsthand how I would react."

The Death Penalty

Tim Heath, '03

Holding their hands in prayer position...

seniors Emily Garrett and Meredith Cathoun sing "I Have Longed," with their eyes shut. "The most fun thing about Madrigal was being in the royal court. Last year I was a server. This year I could relax and talk to my friends instead of having to worry about serving people," said Garrett. "I have been in Madrigal for two years. It takes a month at least to put it together. My favorite song was 'Here We Come a Caroling.' I felt it went really well. Everyone had a really good time."

photo by Michelle Collignon



Harmonizing as a whole...

sophomores Lindsay Ruisch, Mary Kuster, AJ Konz and Sarah Fey perform during the winter concert. Konz said, "I like Concert Choir because you get to know more people. It's also a higher level in music. It's a select group." photo by Michelle Collignon



Using loaves of bread as swords...

senior Ryan Burnley and Matt Herrmann fight during a skit in the Madrigal performance. Burnley played the character of Meronsire, Lord of Misrule and Herrmann acted as Jester. "The plot of the play was that we were trying to decide who would marry one of the visiting king's daughters. One was beautiful and one was ugly. The winner of the fight had to marry the ugly daughter, so we both wanted to lose," said Burnley. photo by Michelle Collignon



Blowing into the pitch-pipe...

senior Amelia Groetsch plays the pitch for the choir. "We use the pitch-pipe to get the first pitch of the next song without the use of a piano. People are usually impressed because the audience cannot hear the pitch being given on the pitch-pipe, so they don't know where it comes from once we start," said Groetsch. "I have been a part of the dinner for the past four years and think this year's skit was one of the best." photo by Michelle Collignon



Singing in the fall concert...

sophomores Perry Iverson, Nick Reed and Jon Ellis and freshmen Grant Andersen and Brandon Dean keep their eyes on the director. This was during the Concert Choir performance. The guys' and the girls' choirs were split up this year. "This was my first year. I like that it is more challenging than Freshmen Chorus and Mixed Chorus. It's a more prestigious choir. In concerts we get to show what we have been doing all year," said Iverson. photo by Michelle Collignon



George and Max, camping, Nair-Academy Awards, New Year's Eve, Perkins, Mega Mall, Curious George, 1998 Silver Saturn, the bubble dream, Easter grass, milk ads, Ricky Martin, Maxi's crazy driving, playing by heart, our music video, strawberry daiquiris and our multiple trips to Target.

Good times, good times...

Tapanga Malibuca, Maxi P and Bambi

Acting in a skit...

junior Ayrel Clark poses as Gorgonzola.org. Clark chose Dr. Richard Sundblad (Superintendent of Johnston School District) to participate in the skit. She pretended to have a crush on him. He was then forced to put on a wig and a purple robe. photo by Michelle Collignon

Concert Choir members...

junior Dan Lewis and sophomore Adam Frank sing during the winter concert performance. Lewis said, "I took it because it is a music class. It's different and a change from my regular classes. I also took it to be in Innovation." photo by Michelle Collignon

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During dress rehearsal...

juniors Joe Weisz and Meredith Avaux proceed into the room carrying the cups to the royal court. This was during the procession of manor singers. They sang the song, "Come, Let's Sing this Happy Day." photo by Michelle Collignon

Warming up their voices...

seniors Greta Davis and Ben Flannery practice in the basement of the church with the rest of royal court. Davis and Flannery were the queen and king of the court. Davis said, "The tryout for the part was not a big deal, but Mrs. (Jody) White took forever to decide the parts. My role was one of the simplest. I only had to memorize like 10 lines. I liked Ben being the king. I thought it was good because all of his brothers were large rolls in the past years and it suited him to be king." photo by Michelle Collignon

Full Effort

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Until The End

The 20th Annual Olde English Madrigal Feaste was presented to a sell-out audience on Dec. 8 and 9. The music was under the direction of Mrs. Jody White and was performed by the royal court, comprised of Concert Choir seniors and the underclassmen who were the servers for the guests.

The Johnston Vocal Parents Association, under the leadership of Mrs. Rita Davis, prepared the dinner portion of the event. Of those 20 years, Davis has been helping out for nine. Davis organized the food aspect of madrigal since 1993. Her son (graduate John Davis) was in Concert Choir at the time.

Davis' daughter, senior Greta Davis, participated in Madrigal for the last time. Because of that, R. Davis decided to retire from her duties. "It has been a great experience. Parents have been willing to help in all aspects of the meal. Students have helped with setup and even in the kitchen. Grandparents and retired teachers have also volunteered in the kitchen. It was a wonderful experience and an opportunity to get to know parents and a group of delightful students," said R. Davis

Many of the choir members have been impressed with R. Davis' work. Senior Jessi Reece said, "I think she does an awesome job getting all the food and stuff together. It would be a lot of work. It takes a lot of her time. I think that it's going to be different without her next year, and whoever takes her place will have some big shoes to fill." spread by Michelle Collignon and Jessica Madole

How did the splitting up of the choirs work?

DIRECTOR

"The choir functioned as a chamber choir and a mixed choir during the fall and then all together for Madrigal. Second semester the choir split into treble and bass clef choirs to give the students an opportunity to perform SSA and TTBB music."

Mrs. Jody White



VS.



"During class we spent two days split up and then on the other days we sang some songs all together. I don't like splitting up the choirs as well. I like how we were mixed together better because we could mix with the guys and have a little variety."

Sarah Carlson, '03

STUDENT

Student Opinion on...

"We could have better computers and technology. We could also spend money on new desks or something because they are all starting to fall apart and they look really bad."

Cammie Dudney, '03

Ways to Spend the School's Money

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Fine Arts

Establishing Unity

The team gave its dedication to try for state, but had fun and jokes along the way.

Reaching state was the main goal for the team. Their desire to win led them to top spots at their meets. However, their hopes for state fell short.

They did however, gain a sense of unity as a team. Whether it was engaging in apple wars, starting T.P. fights with the girls' cross-country team or running in their underwear, the boys succeeded in making memories. Senior Kai Carlson was one of four suspended for running in his underwear. He said, "The underwear run was really funny. We did it as a practical joke to make people laugh, and it worked. We were laughing and thinking how risky it was while we were running."

Senior Marcus Iwig felt practices were the most fun. "We pushed freshmen into a pond. The day the four guys got suspended was the funniest thing I've seen in past years. We focused on being unified, rather than making state," said Iwig.

The team spent the season working hard and were proud of what they achieved. Senior Matt Skeens' favorite quote from coach Dave Beason was, "They never said it would be easy, they just said it would be worth it." *spread by Emily Hoffman*

Varsity



Lengthening the distance...

sophomore Luke Hukce tries to keep himself away from his opponents.

Hukce's goals were to stay on varsity for most of the season and run under eighteen minutes. He achieved both of these and was proud of himself.

photo by Megan Stetson

Attempting to pass...

senior Matt Skeens aims to beat his Lincoln opponent at districts. "I will have to push myself and tolerate more pain to be a better runner," said Skeens. *photo by Emily Hoffman*

Urbandale... third
Valley... first
Johnston... second
Newton... third
Urbandale... second
Ames... twelfth
Conference... sixth
Districts... fourth

Seniors Kai Carlson and Matt Skeens and juniors Brad Paul and Jon Muecke were suspended two days for running in their underwear through Green Meadows and along 62nd Avenue during a practice.

For support, the team wore protest shirts to school on a day the four runners were suspended for running in their underwear.

Skeens had his best time of 18 minutes at Valley.

The goal of senior Ted Christakos was to eat Chinese sweet and sour chicken the night before every meet. This was to gain energy to run faster and maintain an average time for the season.

Varsity placed second at the Johnston meet with senior Jonathan Hardy taking second and sophomore Nick Reed finishing third.

At districts, the team was only one spot short of qualifying for state. They came in 40 points short of making their team goal for the season.

Hardy led the team with an eighth place finish and a time of 17 minutes at the districts meet.



Discouraged at not making state...

sophomore Aaron Creger sits alone after running at districts. "We were upset because we thought we had potential," said Creger. *photo by Emily Hoffman*

"We won lots of meets and were impressed with how well we did. We accomplished

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Cross-country, boys



Cooling down after their run...

sophomores Nick Reed and Aaron Creger walk back to their teammates after districts. "My goal was to make state and in the future not just qualify for state, but actually place. That would be cool," said Reed. "My season went really well though. I'm happy for my spot on varsity and surprised that I've done as well as I have." photo by Emily Hoffman

Exhausted from running...

juniors Curtis Brown and Jon Muecke cross the Newton finish line together. Brown finished with a time of 18:52 in 15th place and Muecke placed 16th with a time of 18:53. Brown felt his times could have been better if he had stayed motivated and practiced more on his own. photo by Emily Hoffman

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JUNIOR VARSITY

• Junior Brad Paul finished with a time of 18:49 and took fourth place which ensured the team a first place finish at the Valley meet.

• Senior Kai Carlson placed first running at the CIML conference meet in Ames.

• Sophomore Luke Hukee received first place, junior Brad Paul placed second and junior Jon Muecke finished in third place to help achieve a first place finish for the team at the Johnston meet. The three crossed the finish line less than a minute apart.

SOPHOMORE

• A bee flew up Nick Reed's shorts during the warm-up of a practice. He didn't realize the bee was there until it stung him. This incident became a popular and embarrassing joke among his teammates at practices during the season.

• During the Ames meet, Aaron Creger finished first and Reed took second. This helped the freshmen/sophomore team earn first place. The course was considered most challenging by the team because of its many steep hills.

FRESHMEN

• Peter Christakos was the youngest person on the varsity team. He ran on varsity for most of the season. He finished first running in the freshmen race at the Urbandale meet. His time was 18:49.

• Blake Hainline and Andy Uchtyl felt a strong leadership role from their senior teammates. They felt the seniors were fun to joke with, easy to be around and showed good self discipline.

Varsity

Jonathan Hardy, '00

"My ultimate goal was to qualify individually for the state meet. Also, I planned to run in the mid-16's, time-wise. I didn't quite reach this, which partly was due to my leg problems this season. However, our team was very successful and many runners improved drastically, which was good for us."



Andy Czapl, '02



"The hardest part of the season was hill workouts at Camp Dodge. They were so tiring and took a lot out of you. I think they helped though, because we stayed focused on running all season, which was good. We also stayed motivated for state, but we didn't make it, which was upsetting."

Sophomore

"The season wasn't really difficult this year for the team. We had hopes of going to state, and it ended up not happening. I personally didn't have that good of a season. I didn't run at the times I wanted. It was hard to stay motivated and go to practice, but the team was really close and they made practices fun."



"The team was fun to be around because they didn't pick on the freshmen too much and we got to goof off with them. During practice, we would play football instead of running. It was really cool until we got caught by Mr. (Dave) Beason and had to run a few extra miles at practice as punishment."

Junior Varsity

Alex Hsu, '01

Andy Uchtyl, '03

Freshmen

a lot in our running with all of the team's support." ~Senior Mike Porter

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Young Leaders

The team, consisting mostly of freshmen, performed better than expected.

The runners moved to the next level and took the spots of the graduated seniors. The team placed in the top five in all but one of their meets. "We were a bigger and younger team than the ones in the past, but we also were more like a team by the way we acted. We had a lot of strong leaders who stepped up to fill the positions of last year's runners," said junior Anna Johnson.

The team lost their top three runners from last year. Only one senior, Kelly Anderson, was left on the team. "We had a lot of younger girls who stepped up to the challenge of being leaders on our team. They were confident in what they did and took responsibility for what happened. The team is really supportive and there is great team spirit," said Anderson.

Since they were young and inexperienced, there was room left for improvement. "The future looks good if they learn from this and improve for next year. Now that more young girls have run at the varsity level in the meets, they will know what to expect and how to get better," said coach Craig Oldham. *spread by Marissa Stetson*

Varsity



Passing a Mason City runner...

sophomore Felisa Hansen sprints to the finish line. Hansen, along with freshmen Julie Crow and Holly Ross and sophomore Danielle Beery were the underclassmen on the varsity team. "Everyone thought we would be a rebuilding team and didn't think we would accomplish what we did," said Hansen. *photo by Megan Stetson*

Walking away from the line...

freshman Julie Crow rips off her number as junior Anna Johnson comes in. "We encouraged each other to do our best in our meets," said Crow. *photo by Emily Hoffman*



Varsity
Conference... sixth
Norwalk... first
Sioux... second
Johnson... second
Ballard... sixth
Newton... fifth
District... fourth

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Conference... sixth
Norwalk... first
Sioux... first
Johnson... first
Ballard... fourth
Newton... third

Districts

• Kristin Way, '01
14th, 13:19
• Elizabeth Andrews, '01
16th, 16:21
• Holly Ross, '03
23rd, 12:31
• Felisa Hansen, '02
24th, 13:32
• Julie Crow, '03
25th, 13:33
• Anna Johnson, '01
26th, 13:36
• Danielle Beery, '02
31st, 13:59

• The girls had a war with the guys' team. They went to junior Brad Paul's house and T.Ped it. The guys chased them and soaked them with their water guns. Next the guys put flour and shampoo on junior Victoria Brenton's car. As the war continued, the guys T.Ped Brenton's house three more times, using flour, eggs, shampoo and syrup. Then they left her rotten produce and garbage. They also shot paintballs at her car.



Waiting to run at the Ames meet...

junior Kristen Way warms up her legs. Way had the best score of the team at districts with a time of 13:19. *photo by Marissa Stetson*

"We left the Ballard meet, drove down the road and after a little way we realized

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Cross-country, girls

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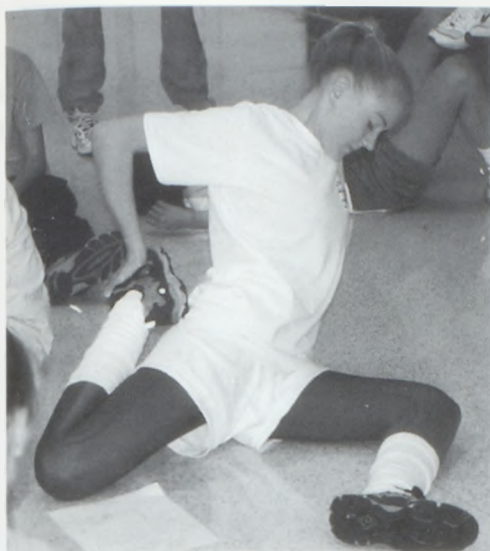
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Loosening her leg muscles...
freshman Katie Gannon stretches before practice. "I went out for cross-country because people from my grade were going out for it and it was a chance for me to meet some of the upperclassmen and get to know them better," said Gannon.
photo by Marissa Stetson

Discussing the course with coach Craig Oldham...

junior Victoria Brenton gets a few hints on the Ames course. "When I am running I usually think about trying to catch up with someone and trying to beat the person in front of me. Other times, I think about how good a Dairy Queen blizzard would taste," said Brenton.
photo by Megan Stetson

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Varsity

- Freshman Holly Ross was sixth place on the best runners' list with a time of 12:51 at the Ballard meet.
- Junior Elizabeth Andrews dropped her best time from 13:26 at the beginning of last year to 12:52 this year.
- Junior Kristin Way ran with a time of 12:52 to put her in seventh place on the best runners' list.
- Sophomore Danielle Beery's time improved from a time of 16:13 last year to a time of 13:38 this year.

Junior Varsity

- Freshman Alicia Mireles received first place at the Johnston meet and second at Nevada and Norwalk meets.
- Junior Victoria Brenton received first place at the Johnston invitational meet on Sept. 9.
- Freshman Jessica Flannigan received second place at the Norwalk meet.
- Junior Kelli Ryan received first place for the team at the Norwalk meet.

Varsity/Junior Varsity

- All of the teams received first place at their Newton meet. This included the seventh and eighth grade boys and girls, as well as the junior varsity boys and girls and the varsity boys and girls.
- The school bought two \$1,000 tents for the guys and girls.
- The captains were the only two returning varsity runners; junior Victoria Brenton and sophomore Felisa Hansen.

Varsity

Kristin Way, '01

"The season went really well. We had a lot of hard workers on our team. The freshmen really stepped it up and (freshman) Holly Ross became a really good leader for us. Although we were suppose to be a rebuilding team, we also had the desire to win so we did better than we thought we would do."



"I went out for cross-country because I wanted to get involved in some school activities and I also enjoy running. The toughest part about being on the team was knowing that the team is counting on you and you have to do well. I'm always trying to catch one more runner during the meets."



Varsity

Holly Ross, '03

Kelli Ryan, '01



Tara Ely, '02

Junior Varsity

"Our season went pretty well considering we only had one senior and most of our runners didn't have much experience. Our team was a really close-knit team. My favorite memory was the bus rides and going out to eat, because it gave us time to just hang out and have fun with the team."

"We had a new team with not very many girls who had run before. This made us better because we had to work hard to try to meet our goals and to reach where the team was at last year. My best memory of the team was in the first meet when I didn't think I could finish. It was a great feeling to finish the race."

Junior Varsity

we had left seven freshmen there. So we went back to get them. ~ Sophomore Nikki DeSplinter

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Taking out the story books...

sophomore Molly Ehm starts loosing her powers in the spring play. Ehm was the witch, Candy, from *Hansel and Gretel* in the Monday/Wednesday cast and she played Candy in both of the plays for the first few performances. Ehm said, "I went out for it because I love to act and there was going to be a lot of fun people in it. It was the best part of the whole school year. My favorite part was the performances because it gave us a chance to show off how hard we worked for it." *photo by Michelle Collignon*



Sleeping over...

senior Gavin Kucera helps to solve the mystery in the third period drama play. This play was about students who decided to stay the night at the school to try and solve the mystery of the locker thief. They encountered some nightmares in the process. *photo by Marissa Stetson*



Putting on a headlock...

sophomore Mike Gauthier pins down senior Aaron Knowles. Knowles was in the Tuesday/Thursday cast as Hansel. Gauthier was the blue decimal in that play. "Kids have a great imagination and they really get into our plays, so that made the play go much better. It's harder to perform for adults because they don't use their imagination to help make the play fun, so they don't enjoy the play as much," said Knowles. *photo by Marissa Stetson*



Yelling at sophomore Amanda Berch...

Elizabeth Guns plays her part as the stepmom during rehearsal. Guns was in the first play, which was a reenactment of the story *Cinderella*. "The plays were great. It was a lot of fun and something that I have never done before. I would have changed it so that there were more equal parts though," said Guns "I liked the play better than the class because it gave us all a chance to show off everything that we learned," *photo by Marissa Stetson*



Making up their plan on how to get into the castle...

senior Mike Skinner, sophomores Jessica Madole and Natalie Baltzley and senior Russell Karloff play paper-rock-scissors. Baltzley said, "The spring play was fantastic. The kids liked it better than the clown one we did the previous year. I loved getting the fan mail from the kids, it seemed like we were appreciated. My favorite part about the play was the chemistry between our cast, we all got along with each other." *photo by Michelle Collignon*



Student Opinion on...

"I think that prayer in school should happen if the students want it to. They have freedom of religion and they should have freedom to worship and pray wherever they want."

Prayer in School

Mandy Jess, '02

Melting because of the water...

senior Michelle Cattoor plays the witch of the west from the *Wizard of Oz*. Cattoor was in the Tuesday/Thursday cast. Both casts performed four times each. Two times for family and friends and two times for the elementary students. photo by Michelle Collignon

Saying her line...

sophomore Whitney Armstrong finishes the act. "These plays show that when life comes right down to it you should look for the simple things, they mean the most. There are little lessons on life that we can all relate to," said Armstrong. photo by Marissa Stetson

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Singing one of her lines...

junior Ayrel Clark acts it out. Clark was one of the four people who had small singing parts. "The musical was good because it got people involved that aren't normally in plays. But if you can't sing you can't get a main part," said Clark. photo by Marissa Stetson

Playing her part in the Khabuki theatre...

sophomore Megan O'Donnell acts as King Lear. "Caswell didn't want me to be so physical with my part, but I did anyway. I think it helped get the audience into it, but I got in trouble for it," said O'Donnell.

Sophomore Katie Burpee liked the way that O'Donnell performed. "Everyone should get into their part and just go wild with their character. She portrayed her part with great care in an excellent way and she just went crazy with it," said Burpee.

photo by Nichole LeBrun-Heuvel

Changing the Performance

by adding music

The drama department added music to their normal annual fall play to help to better the act. This was the first musical that was put on by the school.

A total of 33 cast members put on a musical for the community in the fall. Seniors Jenny Bond and Haverlee Ottley and junior Erin Mahoney were the lead singers in the fall musical, *Everything I Really Need To Know I Learned in Kindergarten*. Junior Mandy Hargens was the student director while Mrs. Phyllis Caswell was the drama teacher in charge of it all.

The cast put on a bunch of little skits that represented things that people go through in our everyday life. People could relate them to life's experiences. The whole cast sang the first song and four other singers had small parts next to the main three singers.

"The good thing about having a musical is that different people can be in it and people can show off more of their other talents, like acting and singing. The bad thing is that some people don't sing so it takes a lot of effort to teach them what they need to be doing," said sophomore Katie Hannan.

This is one of the many performances that Mahoney has been in and she agreed with Hannan. "I find more work in musicals, but I like straight plays. I find plays enjoyable, but most of the time people repeat the same shows. When new original work comes along then I like to try it," said Mahoney.

The fall musical only had one cast and performed two different times with a total number of four songs. spread by Marissa Stetson

Which do you like better a musical or a play?

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"I would rather be in a play because I get really nervous when I sing in front of people. I feel more comfortable in the setting of a play because I'm more use to it. I don't really mind singing with lots of people but I really don't like singing by myself."

Anne Peterman, '00



VS.



"I like partial musicals the best because the audience gets tired of someone just singing and music just adds to it all. It catches the overall attention of them a lot better. You can show a character's personality better in a musical than you can in a play."

Mandy Hargens, '01

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Student Opinion on...

"I like it but I'm really not for or against it. It would be all right if juniors had it (open campus lunch) too, and not just seniors, but our lunch periods are so short anyway that it's kind of pointless."

Open Campus Lunch

Lindsay Smith, '01

Breaking the Mold

The English staff got rid of the tradition of an all-female department by having one more male teacher join.

Mr. Ed Walker was added to the English staff, joining Mr. Jeff Hawkins in making the staff less female-dominated.

Walker felt the new diversity was beneficial to the staff. "The department is supportive and makes me feel no different as a male. I do think some students act different toward me in some situations, like the freshmen girls are hard to interact with in a more constructive manner. However, 'problem boys' are easy to work with, which could be in part to my gender," said Walker.

Senior Molly Wohl didn't have a preference of male or female teachers. "The teacher's gender doesn't affect their attitude. It depends on if they're having a good or bad day," said Wohl.

These new additions gave students more opportunity to choose their own teachers, easing any possible tensions one may cause. *spread by Emily Hoffman*

Interacting with his students...

English teacher Jeff Hawkins sits in a desk near his class to have a class discussion about the upcoming book they will be reading. Hawkins gave them background information about the book while they took notes and asked questions. *photo by Emily Mac Hoffman*



Zooming in for a good view...

junior Paul Soderland runs the video camera for his class' skit during *Myths and Legends* with Mrs. Phyllis Caswell. The class had to make props and costumes to perform a myth on tape. The next day in class was spent watching all of the five classes' videos. *photo by Megan Stetson*

Calling out to Juliet...

freshman Dan Siedenburb recites his lines as freshman Marshall Parker waits for his turn to speak in Mr. Ed Walker's English class. "Acting out the play 'Romeo and Juliet' was much better than reading it because it went much faster and was a lot easier to understand," said Siedenburb. *photo by Emily Hoffman*



"I like female teachers better than males because I think they can be easier graders. Male teachers can tend to go off on subjects that don't relate or talk about sports instead of teaching, which can get distracting at times."



'02 JOSH ZAMZOW

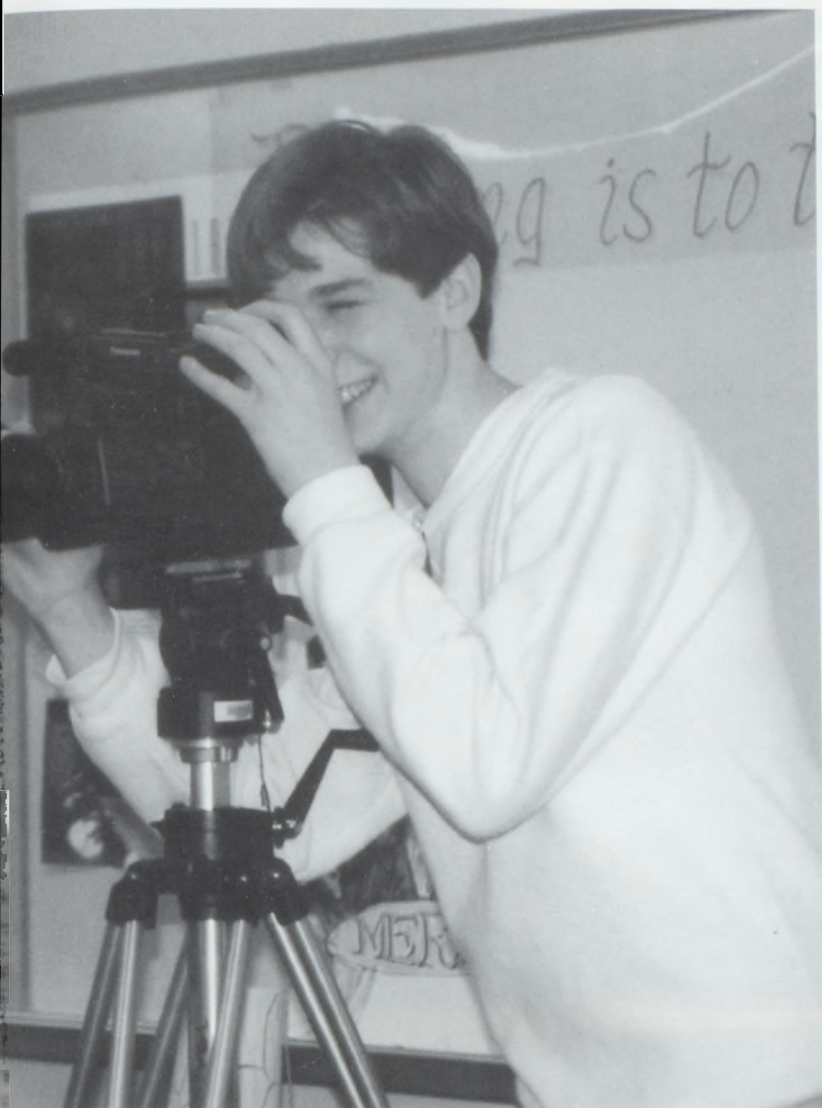


"I like male teachers better because they tend to be more enthusiastic in a subject that they are fond of. Most of the time they hold a more domineering disposition in the classroom and delegate more control."

'01 AMANDA HARGENS

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"My favorite book I read was in sophomore English when we read *Night*. It was a very interesting book because it was a real-life story and it made you think about how bad people's lives were. It was very descriptive and showed their conditions really well and it dealt with World War II, which is interesting."

Rick Meade, '01

Amanda Ribordy, '03

"*A Tale of Two Cities* has been my favorite book so far in English. It was a very unusual plot because it had lots of characters and lots of twists. It keeps you reading to find out what happens to the people in the end. I also thought the language was easier to read than I thought it would be."



Scanning some cliff notes...

sophomore Tyler Cate makes sure he has the right facts. Cate used a computer in the library to work on the final project for the book *To Kill a Mockingbird*. "I chose to make a newspaper with five articles because I thought it would be simple to do. Plus, I like designing newspapers," said Cate. photo by Adam Horning

Sophomore English



Finishing his speech...

sophomore Cory Bengtson points out different pictures on his poster. Bengtson read the book *The Hatchet* for his book report speech. A display was required for the speech. "I chose to do a poster because it was something simple and it didn't really take a long time to do," said Bengtson. photo by Kat Kellogg

Speech



Searching through the paper...

sophomore Jessica Freeman looks for a layout idea. Journalism students went through many newspapers, like *USA Today*, to find interesting layout ideas. After finding a unique one, they cut them out and glued them on posterboards to gain some ideas for their own future layouts. photo by Michelle Collignon

Journalism



Writing down every word...

freshman Nick Quick listens carefully while taking notes in class about the setting and characters of a story they were reading. "English is a fun class when we get to work on projects about books we read in groups with friends because it makes class time go faster," said Quick. photo by Emily Hoffman

Freshmen English



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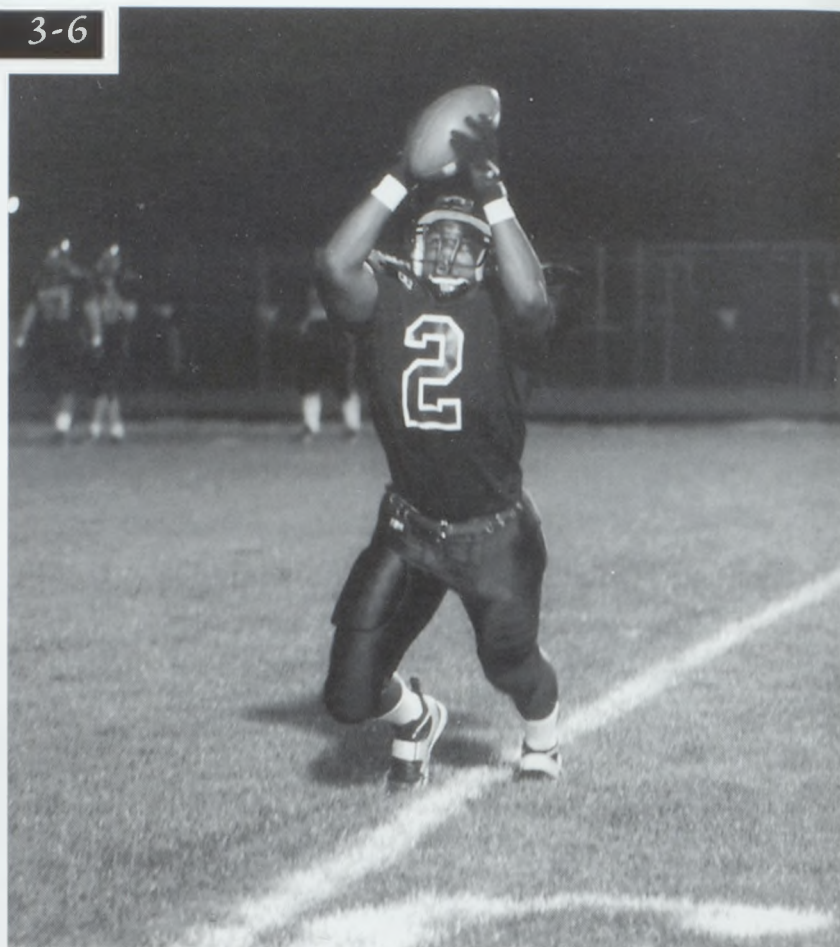
The team stuck together to help accomplish goals and improve their skills overall.

Despite its record, the team showed much effort and the game against Urbandale was the turning point for them. The game was really close the whole way through, and in overtime, Urbandale ended up winning 30-29. "It was the best game we played all year. We played with our hearts and should have won. We just rose up for the occasion," said senior Joel Johnson.

Everything started during football camp at Camp Dodge. "It was four days and three nights long. We practiced, did team building activities and had speakers. It got the guys all together and helped them focus on being a team and improving their skills," said coach Spence Evans.

After preparing for the season, the second year in the CIML seemed easier since they knew what to expect. Junior Nate Fry said, "We had a better grasp of what it's like to play in the league and we knew we had to work harder to be able to compete. We showed the CIML that we weren't a joke and that they can't just write off Johnston as a win." *spread by Michelle Collignon*

Varsity 3-6



Warming up before a game...
senior Germain Johnson runs backward quickly as he catches the ball. Johnson usually played special plays and defensive end. "This year's season wasn't as big of a surprise since we knew what to expect," said senior Joel Jacobs. *photo by Michelle Collignon*

Between plays during varsity...

seniors Joey Bass and Ted Rives, coach Ralph Young and junior Marc Munoz take a short rest while the defensive line-up plays the field. *photo by Michelle Collignon*

Port Dodge	30 21
Mason City	41 29
Newton	14 39
Urbandale	29 30
Ankeny	14 56
S.C. North	20 12
Ames	13 40
Valley	14 42
Marshalltown	28 49

Seniors Kyle Mertz, Quinn Sypniewski and Brenden Huewe were selected for the first team All-Conference as offensive players. Sypniewski was chosen unanimously.

Junior Bart Whippis led the team in rushing. He totaled 704 yards and made five touchdowns.

Huewe completed 110 passes for 1,976 yards and 15 touchdowns. He also led the state in passing in class 4A.

Mertz led the state in pass receiving with 771 yards. He also had nine touchdowns.

Huewe, Mertz and Sypniewski were all recruited by division one colleges.

Huewe was selected for first team All-State as a punter.

Sypniewski and Mertz were both selected for second team All-State as ends.

Junior Chris Evans had three fumble recoveries.

Mertz had the leading amount of points, which was 54.

The longest field goal was 21 yards, made by junior Chris O'Hollearn.



Resting at a practice scrimmage...
juniors Jared Haag, Eric Krofta and David Schnotala watch the action on the field. They all played on JV and varsity. *photo by Michelle Collignon*

"When we got down during a game we just needed to stay mentally into it and positive. We

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Football



Crouching down to hike the ball to his teammate...

sophomore center Bryan Stocker looks his opponent in the eyes. "I think I was pretty good at my position and improved by the end of the season. My goals were to get experience and get better, so I guess I accomplished them," said Stocker. photo by Michelle Collignon

Escaping an Urbandale opponent and causing him to fall...

freshman Jon Evans gains yards. "In the Urbandale game we beat our rival and beat them pretty bad. The score was 28-0," said Evans. "My most memorable game was against Valley. We beat them 18-17 in the last two seconds. We were a close team and good friends, so we worked well together." photo by Ring

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JUNIOR VARSITY

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- Junior varsity isn't as organized as other sports according to senior Joel Johnson. There isn't a so-called team. It's mainly composed of people who don't get a lot of playing time on varsity.
- If any of the coaches wanted to see how a certain person would play at a different position than they normally did, then they would try out that position during a junior varsity game.

SOPHOMORE

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- The last two games, which were played against Valley and Marshalltown, were the most memorable for coach Mark Muehlenthaler because the team was really into the game and they got a few breaks.
- Despite the record, the players' skills improved, the team stuck together as a whole and they supported one another. Muehlenthaler thought no individual stuck out above anyone else, they were a team.

FRESHMEN

A Team 5-3-1 / B Team 5-1-3

- Coach Ed Terhune thought the team, from the top to the bottom, was the best group of freshmen that had ever passed through Johnston. He also thought they were competitive in every ball game.
- On the A Team, Pat Ryerson was the leading passer overall, Jason Ward was the leading receiver, Jon Evans was the leading ground gainer and Steve Luebke was the leading tackler.

Varsity

Adam Walz, '00

"We really pulled together more than ever. Our goals were just to play together as a team and to get to the playoffs. We accomplished the working together part but we didn't make it to the playoffs. This year we were closer to the level of competition we needed. We could play with them (the other teams)."

"We had a lot of fun and we got to know each other a lot better. All of the guys on the team came together really well and we were able to create a team atmosphere which made everyone better individually as well as a better team. The best skills we have are just being a team and being there for each other."



Nick Miller, '02



"We had some problems with scoring and we gave up almost right away, but we did get better at that toward the end of the season. I think we were pretty good at making the initial hit, we just needed to stick with it. We were also a very competitive team and we worked hard in our practices."



"At the beginning of the season we set out to have a .500 season and we worked on accomplishing it by not losing many games. Our team showed some leadership and emotion in the games. I wanted to start on the A team and I did. I was injured twice though. I tore ligaments in my thumb and got a tooth knocked out."

Junior Varsity

Joel Beary, '00

Eric White, '03

Freshmen

were best at being a team and helped each other through everything." ~Junior Chris Evans



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Sports

Vacations Abroad

Twenty-five students from the foreign language department went on school-sponsored trips for their spring breaks.

The Spanish and French departments took trips to Spain, Costa Rica and France. Though the trips were thought to be fun at times, the groups also encountered problems.

Mrs. Pam Barnes explained a problem they ran into in Spain. She said, "On our next to last day, we were dead tired and loaded onto a train in Southern Spain. I had just gotten in bed and started to sleep when the train pulled into Cordoba." At that time, the train crew walked out and the group was stranded. They crammed into tour buses and spent 13 hours traveling to Barcelona.

On the positive side, junior Elizabeth Andrews felt the trip to France was worth it. "I got to see a different way of life and language. I learned more about their culture," said Andrews.

The trips proved to be a chance for new experiences and seeing different cultures. *spread by Megan Stetson*

Swinging through the trees..

Mrs. Joyce Rash tries out the Sky Trek during her trip to Costa Rica over spring break. Only two Johnston students, senior Katie Keck and junior Kyle Beach, chose to go to Costa Rica instead of Spain. They were joined by other students from around the country. *photo by Ana from Oregon*



With a snake wrapped around her neck...

sophomore Courtney Douglas pets its scaly body with the help of an African snake charmer. Douglas was one of 13 students and three chaperones to go to Spain on the traditional trip that the Spanish department takes every other year. *photo by Amy Dennis*

Inspecting a sword...

junior Nathan Gerger spends his spring break in France. Nine students visited Saint-Etienne in France as an exchange because Des Moines is the sister city to Saint-Etienne. This exchange has lasted seven years with Johnston. Most of the students were fourth year French students while one was a second year student. *photo by Mike Skinner*



"Learning the verbs and knowing when to change them and when not to and their stem changes is hard. I have Mrs. (Pam) Barnes for Spanish II. She's fun and she's very energetic. I love it whenever she gets her stick out."



'02 KATIE BURPEE



"We kind of vary what we do (in French IV). We do some cooking in class to get a taste of their (the French) culture. We're past the grammar and now we're just learning their ways. It's hard trying to keep up with everything."

'00 BEN WICKS

Student Opinion on...

"It makes me feel like I'm being deprived of my educational rights. I don't understand why we had to change the policy because I thought it was working just fine before."

School Movie Policy

Justin Birru, '02



"(I came to Iowa from Merida, Mexico) because I think I need to learn another language. I think it's important for my future and I like taking a break before I start my college. I like the different types of people here. I like how they have open minds. I like the change but the language is hard for me."

Lizbeth Moguel, '00

Seth VanRoekel, '03

"I found Spanish was easier and I like a challenge so I'm in French (II). Most people are in Spanish so I can make fun of them in French and they don't know what I'm talking about. We're going to have a big 'ole water balloon fight with a Spanish class. It's going to kind of be reenacting the French and Spanish war."



Walking down the aisle...

sophomore Stephanie Bracelin acts as the bride while freshman Katie Hull follows carrying her train for her. Both of Mrs. Heather Keller's Spanish I classes held a Spanish wedding. They video taped the wedding and also celebrated with a reception, with food that they brought, after the weddings. photo by Megan Stetson

Spanish I

Showing off their masks...

freshmen William Hols and Kristina Beswick talk during their Marti Gras party. On Mar. 7, all of Mrs. Tammy Andrews' French classes celebrated Marti Gras. It was similar to the celebration in New Orleans. Everyone was required to come in a mask and could wear a costume for extra credit. photo by Megan Stetson



French II

Clearing the table...

sophomore Stephanie Tingley acts as the waitress for her customers, junior Cory Curtis and freshman Sarah Fey. For Mrs. Pam Barnes' Spanish II class, students were to write a script, in Spanish, about a restaurant scene. They then acted it out for their class while learning restaurant vocabulary. photo by Megan Stetson



Spanish II

Acting out scenes from the book, "Le Petit Prince"...

sophomores Katie Larson and Laura Gwinn perform for Mrs. Mary Moermond's class. Gwinn said, "Each group got a chapter and we all took parts. Then we read through and presented them, with costumes and props, to the class while being video taped." photo by Megan Stetson



French III

Student Opinion on...

"Oh heck yes! Their music is some of the best stuff out there to listen to right now. Not just girls like them, but guys do too. It's the kind of music you can really dance to."

Boy Bands

Van Holmgren, '01

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Aligning his club with his ball...

sophomore Adam Frank studies his stroke. "People say that golf is for old men, and it isn't a kind of sport that a school should have a team for. If they would look around and see how many guys are on our team and having a good time, maybe they would understand. Golf is actually a very challenging sport and I love it," said Frank. *photo by Jennifer Wiley*

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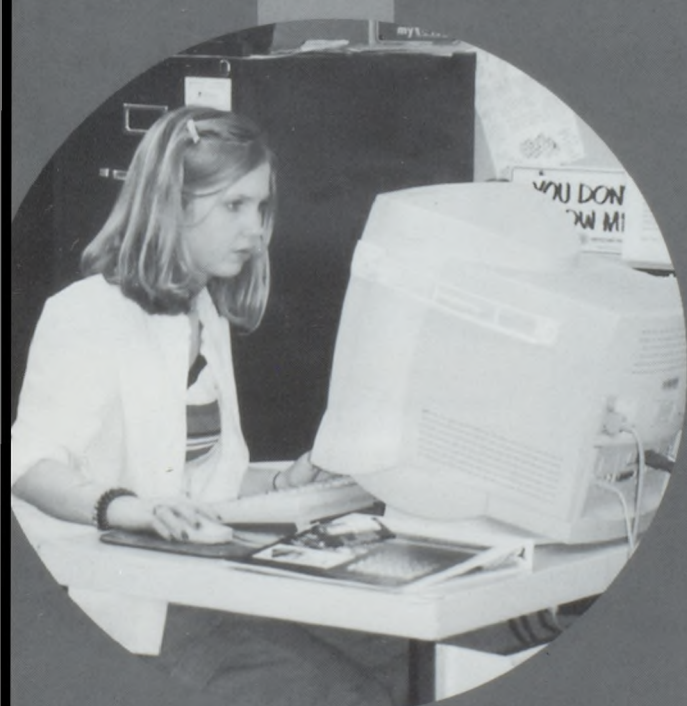
junior Ayrel Clark tries to finish her story before class gets dismissed. Clark was often caught mumbling under her breath when she was upset. One thing that upset Clark was when her stories got cut from appearing in the newspaper. The editorial board cut four pages from the March issue when staff members did not use class time appropriately. *photo by Sarah Sauber*

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Frozen in place...

an elementary student sits patiently while senior Zarine Ankdesaria intently paints her cheek at a drug prevention fair. "We went to the indoor soccer complex to help out by painting faces for a service credit. Although I may not be the best artist, I don't think the kids cared. I painted everything from rainbows to Pokemon," said Ankdesaria. *photo by Courtney Howard*

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Supportive Seniors

Encouragement and dedication from seniors helped the team complete a good season.

Playing on varsity at every meet, senior Miles Kirkpatrick became a leader for the team. "When Miles shot well, it helped the whole team average a better score," said sophomore Zach Nelsen.

Kirkpatrick set a good example for many of the freshmen, including Adrian Loffler. "It was neat to watch Miles get par at Jester during one of our meets," said Loffler.

Kirkpatrick and Mike McCown were the only two seniors on the team. "The advantages were calling the shots and having a say in how things were done. One thing I wish I could have done would have been freshmen initiation. I wanted to push them into the pond at the Jester golf range," said Kirkpatrick.

Coach Frank Sanders enjoyed the leadership and commitment from Kirkpatrick. "No one player can replace him, since he was such a good golfer. If everyone on the team improves just a little, it will help a lot," said Sanders. Kirkpatrick lettered in golf with an average score of 36.2. He ended his high school golf career by going to state and placing fourth.

Varsity 8-2

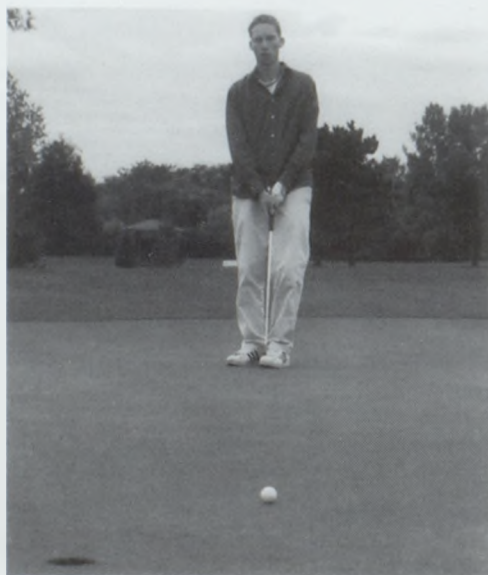


Showing coach Frank Sanders his new club...

senior Miles Kirkpatrick begins to practice at the Jester Park driving range. The team rotated between practicing at Jester, Hyperion and hitting at the practice range to add diversity to their practice. *photo by Sarah Emma Stone*

Watching the ball...

sophomore Nate Frasier putts during practice. Frasier had many conflicts, such as drivers' education, that caused problems in his attendance at practices. *photo by Jen Wiley*



Discussing their scores...

senior Miles Kirkpatrick, sophomore Zach Nelsen and junior John Lewton walk to the next hole at Jester. *photo by Jen Wiley*

Ames	155	157
Newton	148	169
Mason City	158	169
Urbandale	144	154
Ankeny	155	152
Ames Invite	Second	
Valley Invite	First	
Conference	Fifth	
Districts	Fourth	

* The start of the dual season began at Jester Park. The team defeated Ames 155-157. Kirkpatrick received a medal with a score of 36. Both Frank and Nelsen shot 39.

* At the end of the season, eight golfers were letter winners.

Average scores of varsity letter winners...

* Miles Kirkpatrick, '00	36.2
* Zach Nelsen, '02	39.6
* Adam Frank, '02	39.9
* Chase Zortman, '02	41.7
* John Lewton, '01	41.8
* Kurt Albertson, '02	43.1
* Brian Huff, '01	44.1
* Jon Allen, '03	45.3

* Forty-four golfers tried out, but only about 20 stayed on the team for the season. The season started on Aug. 16 and ended Oct. 10 when Kirkpatrick went to state.

* Ending the dual season in Marshalltown, the team received second place and came out with a 6-2 record.

Medal Winners...

Nelsen	73, 39, 77
Frank	39
Kirkpatrick	36, 37

"The hardest thing about having to practice at Jester was that I didn't have my own

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Golf, boys



Before teeing off...

sophomore Cody Lewton stops at hole number two to clean his golf ball. The boys tried to play all nine holes every practice at Jester. Lewton said, "My best score was when I played at Jester during a meet. I scored a 42. This year was better than last year. The team as a whole got along better." *photo by Jen Wiley*

Finishing their hole...

sophomores Matt Walters and Cody Lewton putt their balls in the last hole at Jester. "This year was different from last year because there were no cliques and everyone helped each other," said Walters. Tips that the boys learned were to keep their bodies still and think about the mental aspects of the game. *photo by Jen Wiley*

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JUNIOR VARSITY

- At the Valley Invitational at Briarwood Country Club in Ankeny, the team tied for first with Ames. They shot a 320 on a windy day. Senior Miles Kirkpatrick was the medalist for the meet with a score of 73.
- One time during the season at Jester Park, sophomores Kurt Albertson and Cody Lewton and freshman Jon Allen went to the driving range and hit golf balls with a baseball bat.
- Aug. 19 was the first meet of the season and was held at the Newton golf course. The team defeated Southeast Polk, Lincoln, Hoover, Newton, East and Boone. Nelsen was a medalist with a score of 77.
- In the last dual meet of the season, the team went to Marshalltown for a chance to tie for the conference championship. They lost, but Kirkpatrick shot well with a score of 36.
- On Sept. 18, at the Ames Invitational, they finished second, placing ahead of Valley, Urbandale and Boone in the standings. Sophomore Zach Nelsen was a medalist with a score of 73.
- The only defeat that the team suffered was at home to Ankeny by three strokes.
- On Sept. 7, the team defeated Urbandale with the lowest score ever shot in nine holes. They defeated Urbandale 144-154. Sophomore Adam Frank, Nelsen and Kirkpatrick all shot even par or under to lead the team. Junior Brian Huff shot a score of 37 for the JV team.
- Aug. 20, the first part of the conference tournament, was held at Otter Creek Golf Course in Ankeny. Kirkpatrick had a low score with one over par.

Varsity

Mike McCown, '00

"My expectations for this year were to stay on varsity longer and to play at almost all of the varsity meets. The season started off really well and then, toward the end, the team fell into a slump. One event that was really neat was to watch sophomore Matt Walters hit 250 yards with a seven iron. I had never seen that before."



"My favorite meet was the one at Jester Golf and Country Club because it was the conference meet. It was held during school and a lot more people came to watch than before. One thing that I learned during the season was to never give up. No matter how bad you are playing during a round, you can still post a good score."



John Sparland, '02



"One thing that was very different this year was that I felt more comfortable around the team. I was older and more experienced as a player. The whole team had different reasons that they chose to play. My reason was that it was a lot of fun and I got to play with my friends everyday after school."



Junior Varsity

"The meet at Otter Creek golf course was my favorite. There were more people in my league to compete against and the course was way easier than I was use to. One thing that I learned was to hit harder and farther, I learned more about the putting aspects of the game and how to get a better score."

Junior Varsity

Kurt Albertson, '02

Adam Bergman, '03

Junior Varsity

transportation. I ended up getting rides from all of my teammates." ~Freshman Adrian Loffler

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Sports

Close-Knit Players

Throughout the season the girls collected memories and memorabilia to remind them of the fun they had.

The varsity team had a lot of chemistry between the players. The girls had many inside jokes and made memories throughout the season. One joke that the team had was that at every course the girls would pick up a piece of memorabilia like a bucket, a pamphlet or anything that they would find on the course. These things they collected helped them to remember each course and meet they had.

Besides goofing around on the course and practicing hard during the week, the girls went out to breakfast at Hy-Vee before some of the major meets. "At The Diner there is an older lady named Dorris, who always took our orders. Sometimes though she messed up our names and called (senior) Melissa Miller, 'Martha' and made fun of what we ate. She always made us laugh," said senior Jenna Peitzman.

Another thing that made them laugh was that none of them ever had any tees. They tried to find them while playing at practice or at a meet. The team played at the Dragon Invitational and ended the season with a great record low score.

Varsity 16-23



In the middle of her backswing...

senior Libby Hietbrink tees off during practice at Jester. "I am partial to our home course, Jester, but I also like the Ames country club. I enjoy most of the the courses we get to play," said Hietbrink. *photo by Reubin Vanderkwaak*

Getting some useful tips...

freshman Kristina Benswick talks with coach Steve Smith. "This was my first year playing for the Johnston team. I enjoyed playing golf," said Benswick. *photo by Mehgz*



Ames.....	195 164
Newton.....	194 189
Mason City.....	206 198
Urbandale.....	186 190
Ankeny.....	190 199
Ames Invite.....	fourth
Conference.....	4 4
Urban Invite.....	ninth
Districts.....	fourth
Fort Dodge.....	216 222
North Invite.....	sixth
Dragon Invite.....	fifth
Valley.....	186 187
Marshalltown.....	second
CIIM.....	seventh
Record Average	2 0 2

Average individual scores of top six varsity players at a meet ...

1. Libby Hietbrink, '00 48.7
2. Anne Giusto, '00 50.2
3. Melissa Miller, '00 51.4
4. Abby DeWitt, '02 53.3
5. Jenna Peitzman, '01 53.5
6. Allison Mendrys, '03 54

*The team worked on many ways to improve. One thing they did was to lower the amount of putts in a meet.

*The girls' golf team consisted of 21 girls. Five of them were seniors, five were freshmen, five were sophomores and four were juniors.

*Five girls went to Toad Valley to finish their season. The meet was held on May 15. The team average was 338. They beat Oskaloosa and Knoxville by a couple of points.

*The girls had two away meets. They were at Fort Dodge and Marshalltown.



Focusing on the ball...

freshman Nora Kirkpatrick practices at the Jester Park driving range. Most of the time the team split the practices into two sections. *photo by Jen Wilcy*

"Since this was my first year of playing golf I didn't have any clubs. I had to use my mom's

Congratulations to our seniors:
Melissa Miller, Mike McCown,
Chris Uchtyl and Betsy Sanders

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Making sure to use enough force to hit the ball ...

senior Melissa Miller putts the ball into the hole during a practice at Jester. Most of the time Miller played in the number three spot of the varsity top five. Before each practice the girls had to putt for 15 minutes to help lower their putting average. photo by Jen Wiley

Scooping up some balls...

juniors Tara McGowan and Deanne Danielson take balls from the huge pile and fill up a bucket. "At my last meet we went to Marshalltown and for fun we decided to make up funny names. We put our names on the score cards and everyone called us that for the rest of the meet. It was kind of dumb," said McGowan. photo by Meghz



JUNIOR VARSITY

- At the Fort Dodge meet it was freezing and the girls had to wear layers of clothing and between their shots they put on gloves to keep their hands warm. Some of the team members even wore hats to keep for getting so cold.
- One on-going inside joke that the whole team had was that everyone and everything was considered pretty. Smith would even say that a particular shot was pretty. Sophomore Molly Onken started the joke and it continued throughout the whole season.
- At the Ankeny meet it was exactly opposite of the Fort Dodge meet. It was really hot and the girls had to drink a lot of water to stay cool. To their surprise the weather did not affect the team.
- At the Conference meet one of the top five players had to take a big test and could not be at the meet. Freshman Allison Mendrys got to play, even though on the team ladder she was number six.
- To help out Coach Steve Smith, Jackie Sapp came to most of the practices and when Smith had to be out of town during a meet, Sapp took over and helped the girls get settled.
- The whole JV team got to play at all 12 of the home meets. Some of them got to play at the two away meets with the varsity team.
- The major focus of the team was on improving the teams overall wins at meets. They accomplished this goal.
- In all of the meets, the team placed within the top 10. The team won four meets out of the 14 that they played in.

Varsity

Abby DeWitt, '01



"My favorite memory from the golf season was the Dragon Invitational. I got to play with really funny girls and we had a lot of things in common. One thing that I really enjoy about this sport is that there is always room for improvement and you can make up for a bad score in the next hole."

"Throughout the season Mr. (Steve) Smith helped me to focus on keeping my hips straight instead of having them go off to the right. At the practices at the driving range he would walk around and watch you hit. If there is a problem then he helps you fix it or tells you why it happened that way."

Nicole King, '02



"At one of the first practices I was hitting at the Jester park driving range and all of a sudden my golf club flew out of my hands and went flying across the range. It almost hit one of my teammates, (sophomore) Abby DeWitt in the head. I was so glad that I did not hit her. I was scared that it was going to hurt her."

"We were practicing at the Jester golf course and I was playing with one of my friends, (freshman) Allison Mendrys. She went into her backswing to tee off and turned around to say something to me after that, forgot what she was doing and swung the club like a baseball bat. We still laugh about it."

Junior Varsity

Junior Varsity

Cathy Partington, '01



Christy Ellis, '03



Junior Varsity

clubs for the first two practices. I went to Golf Pros." ~Sophomore Allison Waggoner

Student Opinion on...

- "I would do it because I don't have a lot of other activities. Most of the sports for guys are in the fall. I would do it because it is more interesting than track and I do it in my free time."

Spring Golf for Guys

Jon Ellis, '02

Basketball - JV / V Boys



EJ Runyan, Joel Beary, Cory Briggs, Matt O'Hollearn, Ben Merrill, John Fiala, Steve Rude, Jacob Strohman, Tim Martinson. ROW 2 - Coach Joel Rankin, Ben Wicks, David Batchelder, Mike Cameron, Andy Paine, Quinn Sypniewski, Andy Sundblad, Chris O'Hollearn, Ryan Johnson, Kyle Mertz, Jonathan Hardy, Coach Jeff Simpson.

Basketball - Freshmen Girls



Allie Smith, Stacey Johnson, Jessica Flanigan. ROW 2 - Joanne Van Vleet, Kayla Casey, Meredith Mertz, Erin McGowan, Erin Hardy, Megan Schonhorst, Rachel Mullen. ROW 3 - Coach Rick Brooks, EB Rottenberg, Stephanie Bottoms, Amy Barth, Lauren Fisher, Kellie Durand, Christine Baker, Coach Beth Ward.

Basketball - Sophomore Girls



Missy Iwig, Lindsay Ruisch. ROW 2 - Cari Heffernen, Emily Scholten, Danielle Katch, Marissa Stetson, Emily Sinnwell, Abby DeWitt. ROW 3 - Lindsey Way, Elizabeth Guns, Meghann Johnson, Nikki DeSplinter, Amy Dennis, Lindsay Sleep, Coach Rick Rynning.

Baseball



John Parenza, Damon Meyers, Ted Rives, Brenden Huewe, Tim Walker, Andy Sundblad, Aaron Wych, Brad Schwarz, Kyle Mertz, Kyle Campbell, Lance Rouston. ROW 2 - Ben Lawyer, Bart Whipps, Dan Echtenkamp, Zac Bronson, Jeff Robertson, Dan Armstrong, Nick Wylie, Chris Dickey, Andy Westcott, Joel Jacobs, Jacob Reichling, Jason Schafer.

Basketball - Freshmen Boys



Adam Creger, Joey Wiles, Josh Hansen, Kevin Kading, Adrian Loffler, Adam Gray, Grant Andersen. ROW 2 - Jason Ward, Brian McMillen, Ricky De Hamer, Justin Fenimore, Ben Parry, David Chamberlin, Travis Beck, Josh Phelps. ROW 3 - Chris Pope, Chris Meade, Ryan Clarkson, Ben Johns, Pat Ryerson, D'Angelo Johnson, Peter Christakos, Jason Morlan, Eric DeSplinter, Ryan Bole. Row 4 - Andrew Brown, Coach Brad Johnson, Coach Dan Petrock, Manager Tasha Van Dyke.

Basketball - Sophomore Boys



Kevin Bjork, Dan Rude, Eric Chancellor, Tyler Adams, Robbie Robison, Jon Doudna. ROW 2 - Coach Jon Williams, Sam Musser, Kris Walters, John Sparland, Jeff Lynch, Zach Nelsen, Ryan Sandmann, Josh Weller, Coach Brady Fleming.

Basketball - JV / V Girls



Kari Boscaljon, Lindsey Kroege. ROW 2 - Cari Heffernen, Jami Shackelford, Kristin Way, Maggie Tews, Sarah Tuttle, Katie Reichling, Lindsay Sleep. ROW 3 - Coach Rich Gradoville, Angela Jennings, Sarah Kiester, Therese Arnott, Tarah Schultz, Lisa Doudna, Chelcie Goedken, Coach Rick Flatt.

Cheerleaders - Football



Angela Schuster, Emily Feaster, Tia Krultz, Mary Mullenix, Ashley Albertson, Jessica Behnke, Amy Schuster, Ally Maas, Amanda Midkiff, Tyanne Ballard. ROW 2 - Amy Heverly, Angela Smith, Mary Winzenburg, Jessica Madole, Ashley Vanderpool, Kristen Kirkpatrick, Leslie Ogren, Lindsay Townsend. ROW 3 - Ande Skinner, Andrea Hoelsing, Kelsey Van Essen, Nora Kirkpatrick, Meredith Evans, Ashley Castellano, Kristen Hanson, Leslie Rittierodt.

Cheerleaders - Basketball



Kendra Vestal, Sarah Carlson, Hailey Cahill, Nora Kirkpatrick, Andrea Hoelsing, Kristen Hanson, Kelsey Van Essen, Ashley Castellano. ROW 2 - Stephanie Lamb, Kristen Kirkpatrick, Tara Ely, Elyse Green, Carrie Minton, Beth Bond, Meredith Evans, Ande Skinner, Leslie Rittierodt. ROW 3 - Ashley Vanderpool, Angela Schuster, Laura Stradley, Haley Wheeler, Anne Waller, Mary Mullenix, Michelle Cattoor, Ashley Albertson, Amanda Midkiff, Lindsay Townsend, Leslie Ogren, Amy Heverly.



Julie Crow, Katie Gannon, Alison Mendrys, Jennifer Herrmann, Rachel Gustafson, Audrey Tucker. ROW 2 - Jenna VonBon, Emily Feaster, Heather Clarkson, Kristin Foshe, Jessica Defigueiredo.

Cheerleaders - Wrestling



Aimee Kempf, Megan Miller, Katie McKinley, Robert Seaberg, Danielle Beery, Monica Miller, Tara Ely, Kelsea Watkins, Courtney Seibert, Nichole LeBrun-Heuvel. ROW 2 - Michael Manis, Kyle Sullivan, Brett Scott, Ryan Seaberg, David Kesse, Jared Reiser, BJ Moore, Jonna White, Nathan Wylie. ROW 3 - Seth Anderson, Katie Hull, Cammie Dudney, Jennifer Bittner, Matt Lunn, Brandon Dean, John Burns, Kyle Beach.

Concert Band



John Messerly, Elly Peterman, Laura Warren, Katie Doherty, Alison Obermayer, Katie Albrecht, Elizabeth Gulleen, Michelle Soper, Sarah Kesse, Julie Crow. ROW 2 - Chris Barks, Tyler Wise, Christine Ybarra, Lena Rydberg, Emily Jamison, Jason Junge, Mike Skinner, Craig Buske, Tim Mabree, Nick Ciarimboli, Jay Messerly. ROW 3 - Grant Andersen, Tyler Peterson, Brynea Thrasher, Rick Dawson, Callie Roth, Adam Horning, Sandeep Rao. ROW 4 - Aaron Knowles, Travis Anderson, Jeremy Burns, Justin Hazebroek, Ian Bradt, Meredith Mertz, Sarah Tuttle, Michael Goellner, Robert Shumaker.

Concert Band - Wind Ensemble

Concert Choir - Boy Servers



Gabe Karns, Andy Heffling, Mike Porto, Craig Buske, Andrew Czapl, Andrew Stone, Grant Andersen, Brandon Dean, Ian Bradt. ROW 2 - Nick Reed, Brian Johnson, Brian Huff, Joe Weisz, Martin Glendenning, Grant Turner, Chris Goode, Adam Frank. ROW 3 - Perry Iverson, Mike Stange, John Ramsay, Jeff Lynch, Nathan Schaad, Jon Ellis, Matt O'Hollearn, Andy Ryerson, Dan Lewis, Matt McCrea.



Luke Hukee, Aaron Creger, Jonathan Hardy, Brad Paul, Mike Cameron, Brett Carlson, Jon Muecke, Marcus Iwig. ROW 2 - Alex Hsu, Nick Reed, Ted Christakos, Spencer Wise, Mike Porter, Andrew Czapl, Kai Carlson, Curtis Brown, Chris Uchtyl, Matt Skeens. ROW 3 - Coach Dave Beason, Aaron Gray, Tyler Wise, Peter Christakos, Eli Beirman, Ryan Sandmann, Sam Wang, Andy Uchtyl, Chris Meade, Eric DeSplinter, Blake Hainline.

Concert Choir - Girl Servers



Katie Albrecht, Katie Petersen, Haley Wheeler, Lindsay Townsend, Elizabeth Tometich, Sarah Kiester, Lindsay Ruisch. ROW 2 - Molly Langwith, Kate Winzenburg, Alyssa Ranney, Deanne Danielson, Tara McGowan, Megan Webster, Anna Johnson, Molly Haight, Angela Smith, Ayrel Clark. ROW 3 - Ann Miller, Sarah Fey, Beka Haag, Sarah Carlson, Emily Scholten, Mary Winzenburg, Mary Kuster, AJ Konz, Anjana Rao, Jonna White, Laura VonBon, Meredith Avaux.



Stephanie Tingley, Danielle Beery, Victoria Brenton, Alicia Mireles, Kelli Ryan, Holly Ross, Julie Crow, Jessica Hainline. ROW 2 - Whitney Dominguez, Jessica Flanigan, Ashley Parker, Katie Gannon, Christine Baker, Nikki DeSplinter, Brittany Parker, Kelli Mabe, Tara Ely. ROW 3 - Amanda Freese, Christina Ellis, Kelly Andersen, Felisa Hansen, Kristin Way, Elizabeth Andrews, Patty Dickerson, Anna Johnson, Coach Craig Oldham.

Concert Choir - Royal Court



Anne Peterman, Andee Jo Houle, Jessi Reece, Erin Samson, Haverlee Ottley, Ashley Bengard. ROW 2 - Courtney Howard, Betsy Sanders, Jenny Bond, Greta Davis, Ben Flannery, Andrea Glendenning, Emily Garret, Meredith Calhoun, Amelia Groetsch. ROW 3 - J.D. Marvin, Keegan Armstrong, Matt Herrmann, Ryan Burnley, Cory Briggs, Mike Yeoman, Adam Graaf.



Andee Jo Houle, Elizabeth Tometich. ROW 2 - Jana McConnell, Shawna Barnett, Molly Haight. ROW 3 - Lindsey Conway, Erika Stennes, Micaeloh Morrill, Whitney Dominguez, Savannah Holder. ROW 4 - Ashleigh Griffith, Allison Bunce, Amanda Touch, Erika Anthony, Lizzie Meyer, Erika Devine.

Cross Country - Boys

Cross Country - Girls

Danz Team

Drama - 4th hour



Ashley Vanderpool, Emily Feaster, Taunie Jorgensen, Amy Schuster, Ashley Albertson, Vanessa Smith. ROW 2 - Cathy Partington, Beka Haag, Natalie Baltzley, Mary Mullenix, Katie Petersen, Aaron Haug, Angela Schuster. ROW 3 - Josh Schonhorst, Katie Larson, Sondra Schreiber, Katie Flatt, Lindsay Simmerman, Gavin Kucera, Mike Raes, Nick Kraft, Ryan Hyde.

Drama - 5th hour



Craig Buske, Felisa Hansen, Keegan Armstrong. ROW 2 - Carey Peterson, Rhonda Cosgriff, Amanda Burch, Dan Logue, Rachael Johnson, Luke Borwick. ROW 3 - Jessica Jacobs, Hannah Chambers, Ayrel Clark, Erika Devine, Sean Kenna. ROW 4 - Derrick Pundt, Katie Burpee, Elizabeth Guns, Van Holmgren, Spencer Wise, Josh Boyd, Russell Karloff.

Drama - 6th hour



Jessica Madole, Emma Stone, Alana Brown, Megan O'Donnell, Whitney Armstrong, Lizzie Meyer. ROW 2 - Katie Hannan, Justin Serbus, Meredith Calhoun, Maggie Nelson, Nichole LeBrun-Heuvel, Ann Miller, Amanda Yeggy. ROW 3 - Lindsey Kroeger, BreeAnn Williams, Jenny Bond, Allison Bunce, Jacob Bottoms, Janna Bjork, Emily Harper, Matt Berens.



Aaron Holmgren, Kyle Sullivan, Christopher Titus, Jim Rhoades, David Chamberlain, Justin Smith, Joey VanDyke, Blake Peterson. ROW 2 - Gregory Tucker, Kyle Nielsen, Zach Volz, Shae Ary, Nathan Meston, Eric White, Nick Quick, Adam Cregar. ROW 3 - Tyler Peterson, Ben Johns, Aaron Shields, Jason Jones, John Becvar, Stewart Nelson, Jon Evans. ROW 4 - Jason Ward, Chris Gass, Coach Ed Terhune, Coach Cory Barloon, Coach Frank Baltzley, Mike Stange, Duane Finney. ROW 5 - Randy Scheel, J.P. Wohl, Ricky De Hamer, Sam Iles, Jeff Therieff, Clint Robins, Jordan Huewe. ROW 6 - Adam Meyer, Unknown, Michael Jones, Steve Luebke, A.J. Morris. ROW 7 - David Muecke, Steve Strack, Ben Bjorholm, B.J. Jennings, Jimmy Cate, John Henning, Brian Crosser. ROW 8 - Brian McMillen, Adam Gray, Ryan Clarkson, Kam Kielhorn, Taylor Bryant, Tyler Stanley, Pat Ryerson.



Ramsey Midkiff, Martin Glendenning, Brian Johnson, Grant Turner, Ryan Davis, Sam Musser, Sean McAndrew. ROW 2 - Joe Hickson, Kent Wisecup, Travis Foster, Derek Haden, Nick Miller, Kevin Orr. ROW 3 - Brian Stalker, JR Mundy, Jon Ellis, Eric Chancellor, Andrew Goodman, Darrin Miedema. ROW 4 - Brad Thompson, Bernie Easley, Michael Goellner, Jared Musser, Travis Pugh, Matt Lunn. ROW 5 - Greg Wardlow, Micah Gerger, Tim Buzzy, Dan Rude, Jeff Lynch, Cory Bengtson. ROW 6 - Coach Mark McDermott, Coach Mark Muehlenthaler, Coach Wes Stover.



Brian Burpee, Chris Piper, David Schnotala, Justin Serbus, Jared Haag, Chris Evans, Adam Twedt. ROW 2 - Brandon Ream, Ben Lawyer, Eric Quiner, Adam Walz, Adam Watkins, Aaron Meyer, Bart Whippis. ROW 3 - Matt O'Hollearn, Zac Bronson, Jeff French, Kyle Mertz, Chris O'Hollearn, Nick Hansen, Matt Baker. ROW 4 - Eric Krofta, Jacob Bottoms, Matt Hermann, Joe Townsend, Jeremy VanOort, Germain Johnson, Nick Rogers. ROW 5 - Jeremy Bacino, Aaron Madison, David Remer, Jason Wheeler, Joel Johnson, Nick Bass, Nate Fry, Van Holmgren. ROW 6 - Coach Fntz Keeling, Coach Jerry Stratton, Coach Chuck Evans, Coach Spence Evans, Coach Ralph Young, Coach Kyle Palmer, Athletic Trainer Mike Velotta. ROW 7 - Tim Martinson, Marc Munoz, Quinn Sypiewski, Tony Lamb, Canyon Atwood, Ted Rives, Adam Tillman, Brenden Huewe. ROW 8 - Joel Beary, Chris Lanpher, Damon Myers, Joel Jacobs, Barret Tucker, Troy Peterson, Kris Campbell, Joe Bass, Chris Briles.

Football - Freshmen

Football - Sophomore

Football - Varsity

Freshmen Chorus

Altos



Ashley Selover, Whitney Dominguez, EB Rottenberg, Kelli Mabe, Bethany Ottley, Cyndi Roth, Jennifer Johnson, Christine Baker. ROW 2 - Ashley Brown, Katie Gannon, Sarah Porter, Kassi Bougher, Kelsey Kuebler, Stephanie Bottoms, Amanda Van Langen, Carrie Ashby. ROW 3 - Allison Smith, Allison Mendrys, Amy Barth, Stacey Johnson, Laura VonBon, Jessica Flanigan, Krystal Benson. ROW 4 - Kayla Casey, Erin McGowan, Grace Schoper, Erin Danielson, Kristina Beswick, Alexis Kucera, Stela Festini, Amy Bass.



Golf - Boys

Tim Mabee, Dane Beirman, Adrian Loffler, Matt Bower. ROW 2 - Ramsey Midkiff, Adam Frank, Brian Huff, Gregory Tucker. ROW 3 - Kevin Orr, Mike McCown, Kurt Albertson, Miles Kirkpatrick.

Freshmen Chorus

Sopranos



Ande Skinner, Rachelle Larson, Rachel Mullen, Julie Luepke, Min Dong, Renee Bowers, Melissa Larson, Tara Johaniak, Lacey Young. ROW 2 - Katie McKinley, Leslie Rittierodt, Anne Beery, Sarah Carlson, Sarah Fey, Holly Ross, Jonna White, Shelbi Haller, Julie Crow, Savannah Holder, Christy Ellis. ROW 3 - Nichole Kirkhart, Jessica Helps, Ashley Castellano, Stephanie Lamb, Kendra Vestal, Jennifer Hermann, Jenna Stone, Mandie Blanscet. ROW 4 - Shawna Baker, Erika Stennes, Kristen Schroeder, Nora Kirkpatrick, Laura Sullivan, Ashley Decker, Jessica Freeman, Courtney Adkinson.



Golf - Girls

Christy Ellis, Nora Kirkpatrick, Allison Mendrys, Kristina Beswick. ROW 2 - Hallie Durnavich, Libby Hietbrink, Erin Hansen, Anne Giusto, Abby DeWitt, Deanne Danielson. ROW 3 - Tara Schockemoehl, Jenna Peitzman, Melissa Miller, Sarah Whitten, Cathy Partington, Molly Onken, Coach Steve Smith.

Freshmen Chorus

Boys



Marc Cabrera, Brandon Dean, Nick Root, Ryan Clarkson, Jimmy Cate, Mike Carnes, Zach Volz, Blake Hainline. ROW 2 - Zach Forbes, Derek Partridge, Gabe Carnes, Nick Ciarimboli, Blake Peterson, Chris Gass, Eric White, Craig Buske. ROW 3 - Mason Viera, Sam Hall, Dan Siedenbug, Nate Hall, David Chamberlin, Grant Andersen, David Muecke, Aaron Morris, Mark Stewart, Shae Ary, Mike Terpstra. ROW 4 - Travis Beck, Philip Klugman, Ladd Blakely, Sam Ites, Dave Seibert, Aaron Holmgren, Ricky DeHammer, Steve Luebke, Jon Evans, Nick Beary.



Innovation

Meredith Avaux, Greta Davis. ROW 2 - Matt McCrea, Jenny Bond, Adam Frank, Betsy Sanders, Andee Jo Houle, Nick Reed, Molly Langwith, Jon Lewton. ROW 3 - Haley Wheeler, Jon Ellis, Ann Miller, Keegan Armstrong, Alyssa Ranney, Andy Ryerson, Jessi Reece, Mike Yeoman, Molly Haight, Joe Weisz, Sarah Kiestler. ROW 4 - Ashley Bengard, Matt Herrmann, Andrea Glendenning, Haverlee Ottley, Andrew Stone, Tara McGowan, Emily Scholten, Martin Glendenning. ROW 5 - Andy Heffling, Kate Winzenburg, Cory Briggs, Ben Flannery, Ryan Burnley, Erin Samson, Amelia Groetsch, Nathan Schaad. ROW 6 - Jeff Lynch, Adam Graff, Matt O'Hollearn, Bryan Johnson, Elizabeth Tometich, Chris Goode, Ayrel Clark, Brian Huff, Dan Lewis, Deanne Danielson.

Jazz Bands



Jason Junge, Craig Buske, Jessica Turner, Aimee Kempf, Tara Ely, Christine Ybarra, Monica Miller, Elizabeth Gulleen. ROW 2 - Nick Ciarimboli, Sandeep Rao, Tyler Peterson, Nathan Wylie, Nichole LeBrun-Heuvel, Katie Hull, Adam Horning. ROW 3 - Katie Albrecht, Aaron Knowles, Travis Anderson, Justin Hazebroek, Nick Reed, Ian Bradt, Meredith Mertz, Sarah Tuttle, Michael Goellner, Kyle Beach.



Nichole LeBrun-Heuvel, Elly Peterman, Kelsea Watkins, Tara Ely, Stephanie Bracelin, Danielle Beary, Katie Doherty, Cortney Seibert. ROW 2 - John Messerly, Robert Seaberg, Alison Obermayer, Elizabeth Gulleen, Julie Crow, Michelle Soper, Katie McKinley. ROW 3 - Megan Miller, Jay Messerly, Marcy Green, Nick Ciarimboli, Aaron Knowles, Travis Anderson. ROW 4 - Brett Scott, Dan Knight, Ryan Seaberg, Brian Haroldson, Carl Limyao, Sandeep Rao, Jenny Reimann.

Marching Band - Woodwinds

Jr./Sr. Board



Grant Patterson, Jessi Reece, Ashley Bengard, Ben Flannery, Grant Mandsager. ROW 2 - Tara McGowan, Sarah Straw, Lindsey Kroeger.



Aimee Kempf, Courtney Douglas. ROW 2 - Monica Miller, Katie Albrecht, Sarah Kesse, Laura Warren, Brynea Thrasher, Katie Hull. ROW 3 - Chris Barks, Jennifer Bittner, Nicole Runyan, Christine Ybarra, Lena Rydberg, Tyler Wise, Kaylin Bird, Jason Junge. ROW 4 - Adam Horning, Tim Mabee, Jason Junge, Craig Buske, Ian Bradt, Travis Anderson, Jeremy Burns, Mike Skinner, Emily Jamison.

Marching Band - Flags/Percussion

Marching Band - Brass



Kyle Beach, Jared Reiser, Nathan Wylie, Joe VanHorn, Ryan King, Nick Reed, Tyler Cate. ROW 2 - Rick Dawson, David Kesse, Justin Hazebroek, Nathan Schaad, B.J. Moore, Jonna White. ROW 3 - David Klugman, Tyler Peterson, Seth Anderson, Meredith Mertz, Erin Leonard, Sarah Tuttle, Brandon Dean, Travis Anderson. ROW 4 - Jeremy Leonard, John Ceolla, Kate Rydberg, Ryan Jameson, Grant Andersen, Kyle Sullivan, Jon Burns, Robert Shumaker.



Sara Gaston, Courtney Douglas, Jackie Huisman, Tyanne Ballard. ROW 2 - Julia Serbus, Abby DeWitt, Beth Bond, Sara Hobbs, Bekah Morris. ROW 3 - Megan Woody, Heidi Halbersma, Kristin Chaney, Elizabeth Guns, Heather Clarkson. ROW 4 - Kristen Kirkpatrick, Katie Reagan, Chelcie Goedken, Chelsey Lehman, Faith Hall.

Mixed Chorus - Altos

Mixed Chorus - Sopranos



Whitney Armstrong, Stephanie Tingley, Shawna Barnett, Brynea Thrasher, Mandy Jess, Angela Lee, Holly Heckman, BreeAnn Williams, Aimee Kempf. ROW 2 - Tera Verrant, Ashley Sanford, Jin Hu, Kelly Andersen. ROW 3 - Jennifer Bittner, Anna Hall, Danielle Beery, Molly Ehm, Katie Hannan.



Newspaper - 6th period

Ayrel Clark, Lena Rydberg, Courtney Howard. ROW 2 - Kristi Kramer, Mary Kuster, Megan Webster, Natalie Baltzley, Kristi Kielhorn, Kate Slusark. ROW 3 - Ryan Olson, Ted Christakos, Ryan Davis, Marcus Iwig, Spencer Wise, Jake Reichling.

Mixed Chorus - Boys



Sean McAndrew, Jovey Molayal, Jason Hulett, Craig McFarling. Row 2 - Keen Harvey, Jake Smart, Derek Haden, Aaron Gray. Row 3 - Tim Hilby, Nick Miller, David Remer, Justin Hazebrook. Row 4 - Sean O'Bannon, David Heth, Ted Brenton.



Newspaper - 7th period

Katie Carter, Rachel Mullen, Rina Strenge, Anna Johnson, Brandy Nuss. ROW 2 - Lena Rydberg, Sara Hobbs, Laura Gwinn, Mike Skinner, Girija Mahajan. ROW 3 - Chris Verlengia, Matt Putney, Jason VanGundy, Matt Skeens, Gavin Kucera, Van Holmgren, Spencer Wise.

Mock Trial



Katie Albrecht, Amy Heverly, Ashley Vanderpool, Whitney Armstrong, Anne Miller, Betsy Sanders, Laura Sullivan, Emily Scholten. ROW 2 - Craig Buske, Brett Gwinn, Mike Gorbali, Molly Haight, Alex Hsu, Laura Skow, Heather King, Katie Carter, Julie Crow. ROW 3 - Robert Calland, Kari Boscaljon, Miles Kirkpatrick, Anne Peterman, Girija Mahajan, J.D. Marvin, Mike Skinner, Ayrel Clark, Katie Hull, Sarah Whitten.



NHS - Members

Megan Stetson, Craig McFarling, Kelly Andersen, Lena Rydberg, Amanda Midkiff, Patty Hefner, Anne Waller, Emily Feaster, Ashley Albertson, Amy Schuster, Dawn Warner, Michelle Catoor, Misti Thoren, Chelsey Larson. ROW 2 - Matt Skeens, Ted Christakos, Katie Keck, Sarah Tuttle, Courtney Howard, Anne Giusto, Michelle Collignon, Shelley Jones, Angela Schuster, Stacie Schroeder, Jacque Timmons, Amie Hanson, Lisa Doudna, Betsy Sanders. ROW 3 - Ryan Burnley, Jonathan Hardy, John Fiala, Andee Jo Houle, Spencer Wise, Nikki Thies, Melissa Ward, Libby Hietbrink, Monica Inge, Ben Flannery, Grant Mandsager, Dustin Simmerman. ROW 4 - Andy Sundblad, David Kesse, Travis Anderson, J.D. Marvin, Anne Peterman, Melissa Miller, Amelia Groetsch, Andrea Glendenning, Jenny Bond, Matt Herrmann, Nic Scherer, Gavin Kucera.

NHS - Executive Board



Micaelah Morril, John Fiala, Betsy Sanders, Jenny Bond, Sarah Tuttle, Andee Jo Houle.



Mandy Hargens, J.D. Marvin, Katie Hannan, Whitney Armstrong, Lindsay Phillips. ROW 2 - Kristin Demanett, Mike Gauthier, Keegan Armstrong, Katie Petersen, Katie Albrecht, Janna Bjork. ROW 3 - Michelle Cattoor, Ryan Karloff, Tim Atkinson, Aaron Knowles, Chris Barks.

Play - Spring - Cast 2

Play - Fall



Mike Gauthier, Whitney Armstrong, Lindsay Phillips, Kristin Demanett, Ayrel Clark. ROW 3 - Natalie Baltzley, Mandy Hargens, Lisette Cabrera, Katie Hannan, Erin Mahoney. ROW 4 - Jenny Bond, Russell Karloff, Aaron Knowles, Anne Peterman, Ryan Karloff, Molly Ehm, Haverlee Ottley.



Chelsey Larson, Tara Ely, Ashley Sandford, Haley Wheeler, Erin Samson. ROW 2 - Jessica Madole, Brandy Nuss, Emma Stone, Abby DeWitt, Anne Giusto. ROW 3 - Megan Stetson, Emily Hoffman, Katie Flatt, Kaylin Bird, Alysha Orris, Amy Dennis. ROW 4 - Courtney Howard, Lori McCleary, Lindsay Simmerman, Heather Clarkson, Jen Gaukler.

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Play - Spring - Cast 1



Emily Sloan, Russell Karloff, Ayrel Clark, Jessica Madole, Nicole King. ROW 2 - Craig Buske, Keegan Armstrong, Mike Skinner, Natalie Baltzley, J.P. Wohl, Lindsay Edwards, Laura Warren. ROW 3 - John Lund, Chris Barks, Andrew Czapla, Anne Peterman, Hannah Chambers, Elizabeth Guns, Molly Ehm.



Heather Clarkson, Brandy Nuss, Jessica Madole, Amber Gillotti. ROW 2 - Kim Holt, Katie Flatt, Tara Ely, Mike Skinner, Whitney Armstrong. ROW 3 - Sondra Schreiber, Natalie Baltzley, Sarah Hobbs, Victoria Brenton. ROW 4 - Deanne Danielson, Tara McGowan, Hannah Cline, Kristi Kramer.

Safety Kids

Soccer - Varsity boys



Nate Wall, Luke Hukee, Joel Siedenburgh, Nick Reed, Clint Meek, Nic Scherer, Joe Weisz, Curtis Dillon. ROW 2 - Travis Anderson, Ryan Sandmann, Blake Siberz, Brady Jacobsen, Shane Wilson, Josh Schonhorst, Mike Kunert, Matt Herrmann, Kevin Kading.

Soccer - JV girls



Alana Brown, Rachel Mullen, Hannah Cline, Janel Brown, Nichole Kirkhart. ROW 2 - Katie Burpee, Erin Danielson, Megan Schonhorst, Kristi Kramer, Emily Sinnwell, Meredith Mertz, Erin McGowan. ROW 3 - Coach Mohamed Abusharkh, Brittany Parker, Felisa Hansen, Kristy Hansen, Ashley Loughran, Coach Matt Todd, Laura Warren, Jenna VonBon, Ashley Parker, Amy Barth, Coach Dennis Georgan.

Soccer - JV girls



Jayne Whitaker, Ayrel Clark, Megan O'Donnell, Laura Stradley. ROW 2 - Ally Maas, Mimi Berglund, Kristi Kielhorn, Debbie Anderson, Kristin Foshe, Candice Six, Elizabeth Andrews. ROW 3 - Coach Matt Todd, Heidi Emmerich, Ellen Schoville, Monica Montero, Sarah Vannausdle, Coach Mohamed Abusharkh, Amber Gillotti, Rachelle Cervetti, Jamie Lamberti, Coach Dennis Georgan.

S.A.I.L.



Zarine Anklesaria, Greta Davis, Jessi Reece, Ashley Bengard, Tara McGowan, Alyssa Ranney, Amber Gillotti, Tiffany Shelby, Haley Wheeler, Sara Bjornson, Sarah Skinner. ROW 2 - Andrea Forbes, Maggie Nelson, Brian Huff, Dustin Simmerman, Grant Patterson, Ted Christakos, Sarah Sauber, Heather Schmidt, Sarah Coleman, Julie Robertson, Natalie Haller, Amanda Touch, Lindsay Smith. ROW 3 - Angela Jennings, Nikki Thies, Jason Kohles, Mike Porter, Kris Campbell, Cody Lowman, Heather Clarkson, Jayme Whitaker, Matt McCrea, Emily Harper, Kristi Kramer, Jessi McMillen, Victoria Brenton, Lisette Cabrera, Lindsey Haag. ROW 4 - Clint Meek, Chris Goode, Nate Fry, John Fiala, Chris O'Hollearn, Ryan Johnson, Kyle Mertz, Jared Haag, Matt O'Hollearn, Andy Sundblad, Maggie Tews, Bart Whipps, Kristin Way, Joe Weisz, Sarah Kiester.

Soccer - JV boys



Nick Miller, Dan Knight. ROW 2 - David Hefner, Bryan Crosser, BJ Jennings, Nate Meston, Tyler Stanley.

Soccer - JV boys



Matt Lunn, Royce VanRoekel. ROW 2 - Adam Frank, Nick Hansen, Claudio Saldana, Nathan Schaad, Ryan Hyde, Matt Walters. ROW 3 - Shane Behanish, Brian Johnson, Grant Turner, Mike Cameron, Justin Cook, Eric Butterwick, Alvero Reveles, Coach Matt Todd.

Soccer - Varsity girls



Tara Thornton, Sarah Meston, Kirsten Frederick, Stacie Georgen, Kristi Johnson. ROW 2 - Dawn Warner, Elgida Radoncipi, Girija Mahajan, Christina DeHammer, Emily Scholten, Heather Clarkson. ROW 3 - Coach Matt Todd, Eileen Leslie, Kate McNerney, Tarah Schultz, Lindsay Ruisch, Lisa Doudna, Julie Heffling, Jill Emmerich, Pam Thomas, Kendra Reames, Coach Dennis Georgen.

Softball - Freshmen



Annie Sanger, Anne Paulsen, Lindsey Way, Leslie Ogren. ROW 2 - Lizzie Meyer, Cari Heffernen, Marissa Stetson, Julia Serbus, Lindsay Sleep, Emily Sinnwell. ROW 3 - Bekah Morris, Mary Kuster, Coach Beth Ward, Amanda Yeggy, Elizabeth Guns.

Softball - JV, Varsity



Emily Jamison, Rachel Bryant, Jacque Brown, Lacey Corcoran, Anne Waller, Jeny Lyons, Haley Wheeler. ROW 2 - Nikki Thies, Amie Hanson, Shelley Jones, Melissa Ward, Valerie Lewis, Libby Hietbrink, Sara Bjornson, Angela Jennings. ROW 3 - Katie Keck, Chaundra Smith, Monica Inge, Maggie Tews, Kristin Way, Sarah Smith, Katie Reichling, Sarah Kiester.



Travis Gingerich, Ryan Clarkson, Grant Andersen, Mike Stange. ROW 2 - Katie Hannan, Leslie Rittierodt, Shae Ary, Marc Cabrera, Angela Smith, Jon Evans, Holly Ross, Christy Ellis. ROW 3 - Brynea Thrasher, Sarah Carlson, Katie Petersen, Chelsey Lehman, Lindsay Ruisch, Nate Frasier, Lindsay Townsend. ROW 4 - Laura VonBon, Dan Siedenborg, Derek Haden, Whitney Armstrong, Andrew Czapl, Allie Smith, Erin McGowan, Jessica Flanigan, Eric White, Stephanie Lamb. ROW 5 - Travis Beck, A.J. Konz, Gabe Carnes, Sarah Fey, Jonna White, Rachel Mullen, Erin Danielson, Steve Luebke, Mary Winzenburg. ROW 6 - Kristen Kirkpatrick, Ladd Blakely, Mary Kuster, Nick Miller, Kristin Chaney, Perry Iverson, Bekah Morris, Anjana Rao.



Sarah Straw, Lindsay Townsend, Holly Ross, Christy Ellis, Leslie Rittierodt. ROW 2 - Grant Patterson, Jacob Bottoms, John Aitchison, Nora Kirkpatrick, Betsy Sanders, Lisette Cabrera. ROW 3 - John Fiala, Luke Hukee, Bekah Morris, Ben Flannery, Ashley Bengard, Dustin Simmerman, Ryan Johnson.



Nick Quick. ROW 2 - Kyle Weaver, Ben White, Eric White, Devin Neal, Cliff Mountseir, Andy Uchtyl, Danny Howe, Seth Anderson. ROW 3 - Eric Bentzinger, Scott Chin, Brian Johnson, Jon Ellis, Tyrone Choi, Cody Lewton, Tyler Weisz, Adam Frank, Danny Norton, Ted Brenton. ROW 4 - Eric Frits, Ben Flannery, Grant Mandstager. ROW 5 - Robert Shumaker, Chris Bentzinger, Marcus Iwig, Nathan Gerger, Jared Jablonski, Adam Graaf, Jason Kohles, John Hicklin, Ben Killion, Mike Porter.

Sound Advice

Student Council

Swimming - boys

Swimming - girls



Chelsey Lehman, Amiee Waltman, Beth Bond, Amanda Scott, Katey Schweitzer. ROW 2 - Holly Heckman, Lindsey Kroeger, Ashley Symonds, Katie Petersen, Jackie Creveeling, Emily Cameron. ROW 3 - Lindsey Haag, Sarah Straw, Laura Skow, Amy Gulling, Jamie Lee, Abi Fangman, Laura Stradley, Melissa Gulling. ROW 4 - Jess White, Chelsea Hughes, Jessi Reece, Amy Young, Melissa Schroeder, Dania Schuler, Zarine Anklesaria, Sara Broek, Sarah Fey, Coach Shari Walling.

Tennis - boys



Andy Paine, Matthew Putney, Geoff Tayner, Kris Walters, Ramsey Midkiff, Dustin Simmerman, James Burnley, Ryan Midtlyng, Jacob Strohmman. ROW 2 - Ben Wicks, John Sparland, Chris Verlengia, Martin Glendenning, John Aitchison, Ted Christakos, Jon Doudna, Brian Burpee. ROW 3 - John Fiala, Nate Gerger, Robbie Burnett, Kurt Albertson, Tyler Weisz, David Batchelder, Chris Lanpher, Joel Beary.

Tennis - girls



Sarah Skinner, Andee Jo Houle, Betsy Sanders, Molly Langwith, Laura Skow. ROW 2 - Coach Deb Nicholson, Bailey Hufford, Anjana Rao, Rina Strenge, Jackie Swanepoel, Mary Mullenix, Coach Dennis Kain. ROW 3 - Kate Winzenburg, Sarah Sauber, Katie Platt, Beth Winkie, Melissa Larson, Jackie Huisman, Jen Gaukler, Courtney Douglas, Dina Kazatsker, Michelle Mefferd. ROW 4 - Lindsey Haag, Ally Maas, Jessica Freeman, Rebekah Haag, Mary Winzenburg, Katie Petersen, Tara Ely, Sarah Straw, Megan Miller, Tera Verrant.

Track - boys



Brad Paul, Jon Muecke, Chris Evans, Bart Whipps, Nate Fry, Dan Stewart, Tyler Scott, Nick Craft, Peter Christakos, Adam Meyer, Chris Gass, Chris Uchytill. ROW 2 - Coach Garry Auxier, Mike Thomsen, Andrew Goodman, Pat Ryerson, Jon Evans, Tyler Wise, Andy Uchytill, Matt Skeens, Jason Wheeler, Ryan Davis, Justin Solis, Joseph Hickson, David Chamberlin, Brett Carlson, Jordan Huewe, Steven Luebke. ROW 3 - Matt O'Hollearn, Cory Campbell, Scott VerMum, Joe Townsend, Kai Carlson, John Becvar, Jacob Bottoms, Marcus Iwig, David Remer, Brad Thompson, Mike Turfstra, Curtis Brown, Stewart Nelson. ROW 4 - Coach Chris Webner, Coach Mark Muehlenthaler, Quinn Sypniewski, Eric Krofta, Aaron Meyer, Robbie Robison, Jared Haag, Jonathan Hardy, Chris O'Hollearn, Ryan Johnson, Eric Chancellor, Jason Ward, Michael Goeliner, Cory Bengston, Jeff Lynch, J.P. Wohl, Coach George Sypniewski.

Track - girls



Sarah Kiester, Kristin Way, Kelly Andersen, Amanda Freese, Alicia Mireles, Kristin Foshe, Lindsey Way, Stacey Johnson, Holly Ross, Julie Crow, Leslie Rittierdt. ROW 2 - Monica Inge, Elizabeth Guns, Mary Kuster, Erin McGowan, Victoria Brenton, Stephanie Bottoms, Katie Green, Kelly Durand, Meredith Mertz, Kelli Mabe, Katie Gannon. ROW 3 - Coach Dan Petrak, Abbi Wiemers, Joanne VanVleet, Sara Hobbs, Danielle Katch, Kari Boscaljon, Coach Rick Rynning, Elizabeth Andrews, Danielle Beery, Katie Hull, Jessi Reece, Micaelah Morrill, Jessica Flanigan, Coach Craig Oldham.

TSA



Katie Hannan. ROW 2 - Jacob Underwood, Nate Sheesley, Matthew Putney, Brandon McPherson, Ryan Derby, Sam Hall.

Volleyball - Freshmen



Erin McGowan, Jenna Barnett. ROW 2 - Joanne VanVleet, Amy Bass, Kristina Beswick, Jessi Hall, Stacey Johnson, Katie Reichling. ROW 3 - Megan Ward, Megan Schonhorst, Sarah Porter, Jenna Stone, Allison Mendrys, Grace Schoper, Meredith Mertz. ROW 4 - Coach Jackie Sapp, Katie Hull, Cortney Seibert, Katie Green, Katie Carter, Amber Lemke, Kayla Casey, Kelsea Watkins, Coach Amy Lane.

Volleyball - Sophomores



Anne Paulsen, Hannah Chambers. ROW 2 - Coach Mary VanHeukelom, Elizabeth Guns, Meghann Johnson, Chelcie Goedken, Heidi Halbersma, Mary Kuster. ROW 3 - Lindsay Sleep, Bekah Morris, Missy Iwig. ROW 4 - Lindsay Ruisch, Lindsey Way.

Volleyball - JV



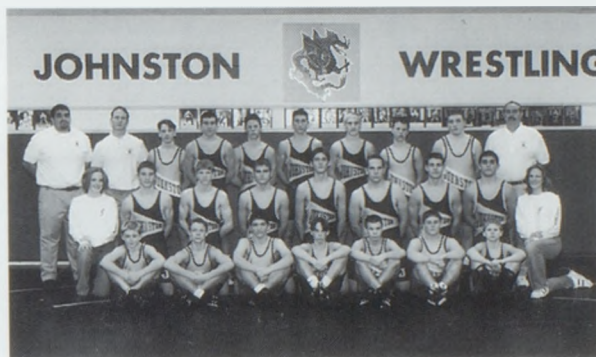
Tiffany Shelby. ROW 2 - Sarah Skinner, Sara Bjornson, Ellen Schoville. ROW 3 - Tara McGowan, Marcy Green. ROW 4 - Coach Rick Brooks, Valerie Lewis, Cathy Partington, Haley Wheeler, Coach Beth Ward.

Volleyball - Varsity



Monica Inge, Tara McGowan, Anne Waller. ROW 2 - Jami Shackelford, Melissa Ward, Libby Hietbrink, Sarah Kiester. ROW 3 - Coach Mary VanHeukelom, Coach Rick Brooks, Ashley Bengard, Kristin Chaney, Nikki Thies, Coach Beth Ward.

Wrestling



Jess Helland, Mike Carnes, Zach Forbes, Royce VanRoekel, James Rhoades, Sean McAndrew, Blake Hainline. ROW 2 - Manager Patty Dickerson, Aaron Shields, Jason McKeever, Jon Lewton, Nate Swoyer, JR Mundy, Stewart Nelson, Cory Bengston, Manager Michelle Fergesen. ROW 3 - Coach Robb Boley, Coach Matt Jenson, Seth VanRoekel, Grant Turner, Eli Beirman, Aaron Madison, Cody Lowman, Dane Beirman, Andrew Goodman, Coach Frank Baltzley.

Yearbook



Jen Wiley, Megan Stetson, Michelle Collignon, Reuben VanderKwaak. ROW 2 - Amy Dennis, BreeAnn Williams, Sarah Sauber, Jessica Madole, Kat Kellogg, Courtney Howard. ROW 3 - Adam Horning, Emily Hoffman, Marissa Stetson, Emma Stone, Julia Serbus, Sarah Kesse, Matthew Ring.

Giving the News

The announcements were no longer read by third hour teachers, but instead were broadcast by the video production class.

Students didn't always hear announcements which were to be read by third hour teachers. Solving this problem, the Video Production class began presenting them over the Dynacom system as well as having written ones.

Before the announcements were shown, many preparations were made. "The crew writes the announcements on the teleprompter for the anchor. They also find and cue the music and tape," said sophomore Jeremy Leonard. After the crew watched the tape, it was rewound and put in the Dynacom system.

The other jobs were chosen by rotation, except the producer who was Mr. James Badger. He helped and guided them at the beginning and then let them do jobs themselves.

The class learned how to make a broadcast. In doing this, they also helped the student body by providing them with the daily news. *spread by Jessica Madole*

Taping the daily announcements.. junior Paul Soderlund takes his turn as anchor. The different jobs were chosen by a rotation, like the job of camera operator. "They make sure that the anchor is in focus and the lighting looks right," said freshman Jimmy Cate. *photo by Jessica Madole*



Freshman Jess Helland...

works on the automotive station during Introduction to Technology. He took the class because he was interested in that field of work. There were different hands-on stations to work at. These included flight simulation where they learned to fly, small engine where they took apart a motor and also some graphic design. *photo by Megan Stetson*

During Welding class...

junior Nick Rogers works on his project. They used different materials in class like spot welding, sheet metal and a cutting torch. "We made boxes with sheet metal for a project. You basically made whatever you wanted," said Rogers. *photo by Megan Stetson*



"In Sheet Metals, I have been working on a tri-fold curtain for the disabled room. I've been welding it, bending pipes and stuff like that. I think this is a good class because you can learn how to make stuff at home."



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"I took Carpentry II because I like to work with wood. We build projects like swings, birdhouses and bookshelves. First we find a project and then make elaborate, detailed plans. The projects take three to four months."

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"(In Architectural Drafting) I like drawing plans. You have an idea and put it on paper. I drew a car and a small air craft that was probably my favorite thing. I recommend it if you have an interest in engines or anything like that. It's a good start in architectural work. Then maybe some day you can build your own house."

Brett Rathbun, '00

Andy Clark, '00

"I took Carpentry I because I needed an elective. I think (the class) is fun because you get to get up and do stuff instead of just sitting there like other classes. We do different projects working with wood and we also pick what we want to do. Right now I am making a bookshelf."



Making an entertainment center...

sophomore Jon Doudna works during Mr. James Badger's Carpentry II class. "It's open, fun and you can do what you want. If I didn't take it I would probably have a study hall," said Doudna. Doudna also took Construction Technology with Mr. Ralph Young. *photo by Jessica Madole*

Carpentry II



Working on an engine...

juniors Ryan Jameson and Nathan Schaad work during Power Technology. During the class they tore down small engines, studied them and then rebuilt them. At the beginning of class they learned the history, the procedures and the power transmission systems of the small engines. *photo by Michelle Collignon*

Power Technology



Building a project...

senior Louis Friestad works during class. In the class they covered different units. They learned about carpentry, brick and block masonry, plumbing, house wiring, estimating and reading blue prints. This helped them learn about career information if they wish to go into that field. *photo by Megan Stetson*

Construction Tech.



Junior Jon Pierce...

and sophomore Justin Cook work together on their project in Carpentry I. In class they basically made whatever they wanted ranging from bookshelves to things for the car. The teacher, Mr. Ralph Young, worked with them in the beginning and then let them go off on their own. *photo by Michelle Collignon*

Carpentry I



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Academics

As a joke for senior night...

senior Aaron Knowles acts like he has just died. Knowles acted out his death during the final song of the halftime show. This was the song in which the ship was taking its plunge into the ocean. To play along with the joke, junior Nathan Schaad pretended to give him CPR. "We didn't mean to be disrespectful or anything. Everyone was technically dead and it was our own way of showing it (the dying scene) more realistically," said Knowles. *photo by Megan Stetson*



Sizing for the right fit...

freshman Meredith Mertz tries on a pair of marching dinkles (band shoes) after a volleyball practice. Mertz said, "I think they (dinkles) are very uncomfortable. Their soles are uneven and they feel worn down. I think they're really ugly." *photo by Megan Stetson*



After performing pregame...

freshman Robert Seibert, sophomore Rick Dawson, junior Kyle Beach and freshman Katie McKinley stand at attention while waiting for the command from the drum major to leave the field. The marching band's theme was *Titanic*. "I tried to do something that is programmatic, that has a story line and is suggestive. In the past, our theme has been more abstract. This year it's more concrete," said director Jessica Paff. *photo by Michelle Collignon*



Pretending to be a race car driver...

freshman Tyler Wise acts out a skit as part of freshmen initiation. Wise and other freshmen in the skit left the room where they were told to do things such as weight lifting and riding a roller coaster. Meanwhile, the audience was told differently. They were told that the freshmen would be acting as if they were in the bathroom. Wise said, "It was a learning experience. I learned who I can trust." *photo by Sarah Kesse*



During a marching band performance...

sophomore Jennifer Bittner plays percussion. Bittner actually played the French horn but participated in the pit for marching band. "My favorite part was getting to use the symbols. It's very fun. You get to make lots of noise. Last season (graduate) Phil (Gauthier) played them and it made me want to play them also," said Bittner. *photo by Michelle Collignon*



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Marching Band/Flags

Taking it to the next step...

junior Ian Bradt conducts the band for his role as one of the three drum majors. Bradt and senior Travis Anderson were drum majors while senior Sarah Tuttle was the spirit leader. Bradt said, "I wanted to go a bit further in band. It was that point in my leadership." *photo by Serbus*

Freshman Craig Buske and sophomore Jason Junge...

stand with their eyes focused on the director. Junge said this was the first year he played quads. Last year he played the snare drum. "The quads are infinitely better than the snare drum," said Junge. *photo by Matt Ring*

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While staring into the audience...

junior Monica Miller tries to keep her posture straight, with her toes pointed and flag in position. "I focus on the audience, don't look around and no matter what happens, I make it look like I did it on purpose," said Miller. *photo by Megan Stetson*

During a halftime show...

junior Marcy Green stands at a halt. Green said, "I thought our last performance was most memorable when it was senior night. It was funny and was laid back and we were able to have fun with it." Senior night was a night for the band to be relaxed. Other competitions, like Valley Fest, were a little more intense. At Valley Fest Green won the best marcher award. *photo by Julia Serbus*

Change of

Attitude

Creates Harmony

The new band council consisted of a group of students who wanted to improve the band system. They had goals of keeping members motivated and interested. Students could express their concerns to representatives or put their ideas in a suggestion box. This was a way for everyone's voice to be heard.

During meetings, ideas were discussed to help better the band and to have fun while making music. "It's easier to ask ten people about something rather than 80 and try to get an agreement between everyone," said sophomore Tara Ely.

Although it was easier to come to an agreement, sophomore recorder Alison Obermayer said, "Sometimes it's frustrating when everyone tries to talk at once. It's hard to sit and wait."

Band was full of ambitious people who wanted improvements. Senior president Sarah Tuttle said, "It (the council) gives us (the band) an opportunity to make things better. As a leader, I strive to make people happy and to find the best ways to make things work."

Any member could attend a council meeting, but only representatives were allowed to vote on discussion topics. Director Jessica Paff and band parents went to some meetings to give guidance. "I'm very impressed with what the students have taken on. They have control to make band better and less stressful," said band parent Deb Kesse. *spread by Julia Serbus*

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"You have to want to work. Most of the time the band doesn't want to work. They are not motivated enough in the mornings so they don't have a reason to work. I do not think the band puts out enough effort during these occasions at rehearsals."

Robert Shumaker '01



VS.



"Practices are essential. Our practice field location is remote. By the time we get mobilized and out to the field, it's been ten minutes. Then we leave early. It's hard for everything to get addressed and obtain the continuity of the show."

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Increasing Scores

A new team worked to help students augment their math skills in order to succeed on standardized tests.

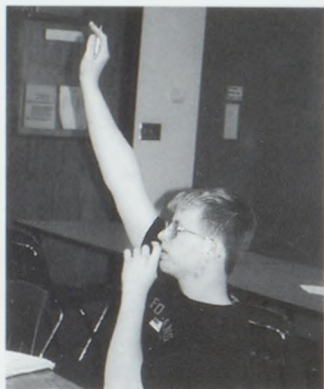
A new group called the Math Leadership Team formed to figure out new ways to improve math education in the school. It consisted of seven teachers. Each one represented a different department in the school.

The team focused on many areas of math, but their main focus was on test scores, according to Mrs. Julie Hukee, one of the members. "The main focus of the team was to raise standardized test scores in math," said Hukee. She also said that the group hoped to eventually set up a math center where students could go to receive help. The center would have a math teacher and would be offered during the school day.

While the team concentrated mostly on future goals, they did set-up two two-hour help sessions the week before the A.C.T. to help college-bound students prepare for this test. *spread by Adam Roger Horning*

Shooting his hand up...

sophomore Nathan Wylie waits to be called on by his teacher, Mrs. Denise Book. Wylie said that he did quite a few projects in his Math III class. "We did a park project where we worked with algorithms to see how many combinations we could find using park equipment," said Wylie. *photo by M. Collignon*

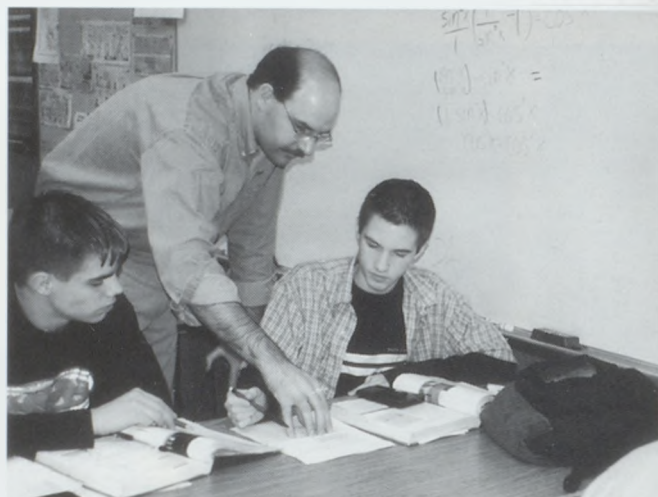


Concentrating on the water...

sophomore Mike Gauthier tries to measure the water fountain. "We had to make parabolas and find certain points on it such as the vertex and the x-intercepts. The water fountain is an excellent example of a parabola outside of the classroom," said Gauthier. *photo by Adam Horning*

Getting help from his teacher...

freshman Dan Stewart tries to learn a new math concept from Mr. Steve Smith while freshman John Becvar watches on. Stewart said he didn't like having block before lunch, although he said, "Math II was pretty fun, but it could get boring when the teacher keeps talking about the same thing over and over." *photo by A.H.*



"I know the value of math, but it isn't my subject. The answers are really rigid. There is only right and wrong, and you can't defend your answer. Math is a part of everything, but it is rarely the most important part."

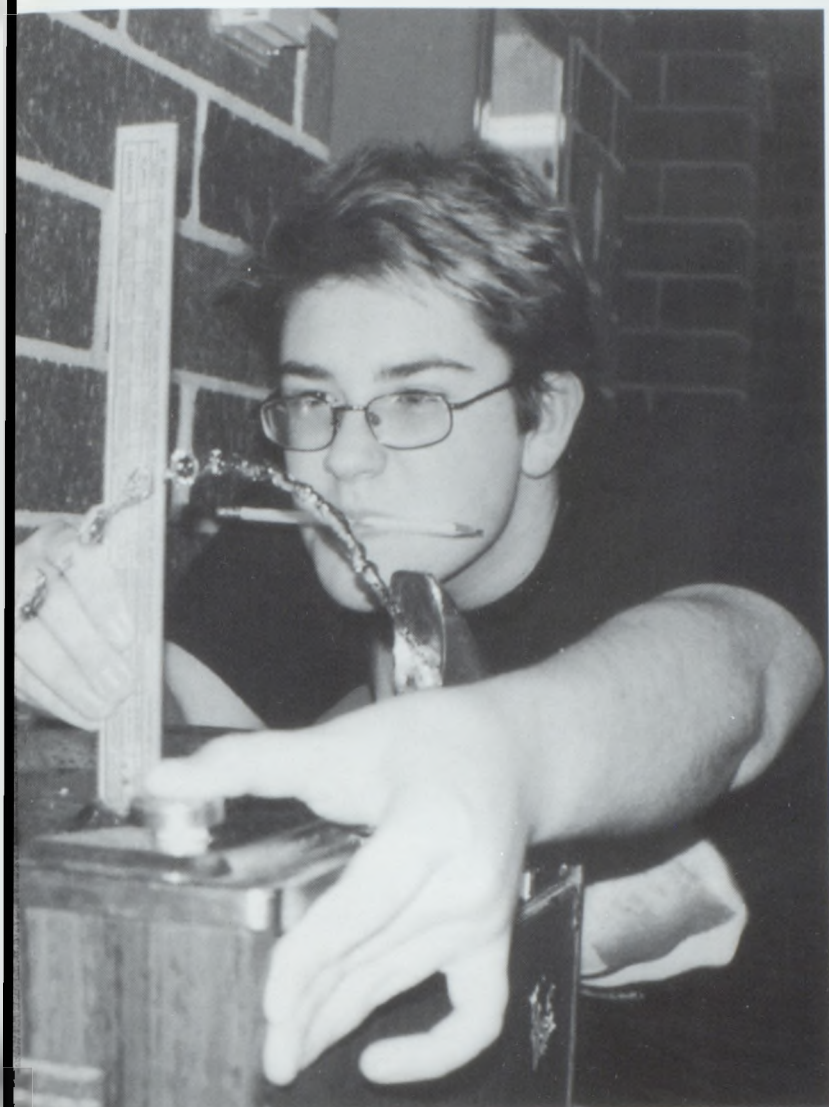


"I started at Johnston toward the end of the first semester, and getting into block scheduling was difficult at first. I was moved back a math class but the skills that were reinforced made taking other courses easier."

'02 ALEX WALL

'01 CALLIE ROTH





"I did a recycling project for Mr. (Steve) Smith's Math II class. We looked in the trash cans in the school and found out how many different kinds of recyclables were in them and then came up with a recycling plan for the school. We typed our proposal and made graphs that supported it."

Amanda Freese, '03

John Just, '00

"I thought math was easy until Calculus. I can't be lazy anymore and I have to pay attention. It is hard when you miss a day because we move so fast. We have a test like every four days. I recommend you do not take Calculus unless you really like math and I want to do it in college."



Writing down their answers...
seniors Ben Wicks and Adam Rohret and junior Nathan Gerger work on a worksheet during math, taught by Mr. Rick Brooks.
• Wicks said, "Topics in Math is a lot different than any other math classes I've taken. It applies the math we learn in class to real-life situations." *photo by Emily Mac Hoffman*

Topics In Math



Looking up thoughtfully...
senior Ted Chirstakos listens to Mr. Garry Auxier explain the story about the arc near the gym.
• Christakos said that a few years ago the school was going to build the arc and Auxier noticed that the calculations were off. Auxier assisted in the construction of the arc so that it would turn out right. *photo by Megan Stetson*

A.P. Calculus



Gazing at the computer screen...
seniors Keegan Armstrong and Mike Raes and freshman Chris Trudel work in Computer Programming. Mr. Dan Petrak taught the class. Raes said that the final was a really challenging part of the class and that he was relieved and happy when he was finally done. *photo by Michelle Deanna Collignon*

Comp. Programming



Eyeling the paper...
junior Laura Warren looks over junior Katie Albrecht's shoulder at their Pre-Calculus project while they work in the library. "We had to make a sine or cosine graph of something that has happened over the past couple of years, like weather, gasoline prices, etc," said Warren. *photo by Adam Roger "the vegan" Horning*

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Mock trial teams experienced success and broke Iowan tradition

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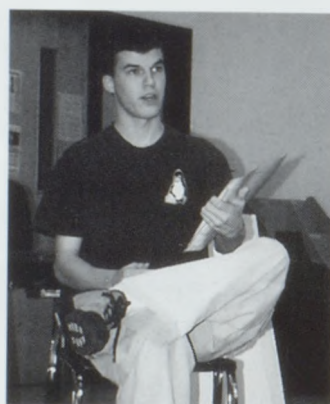
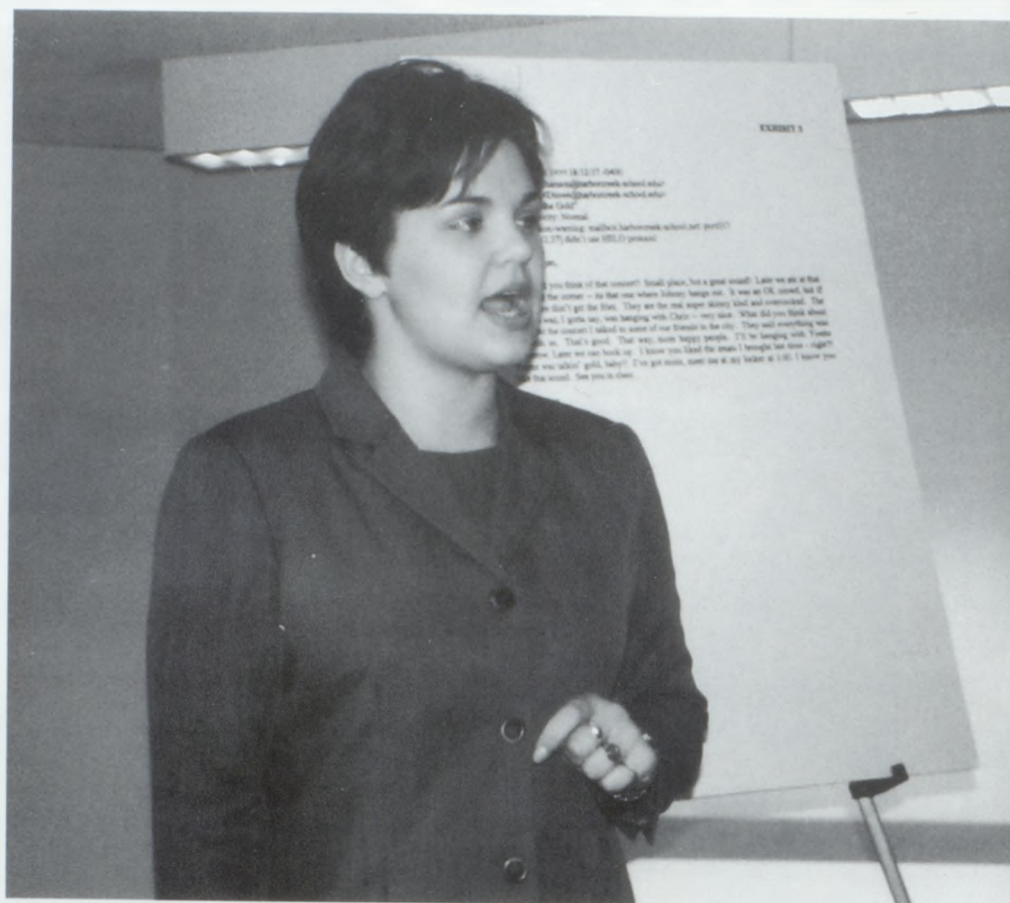
All four teams made it to State. This is the first time in Iowa that any school sent all of their teams. According to Mrs. Pam Johnson, they did well because the case was complex and students were very thorough in their research.

The case had a lot to do with the fourth amendment which states that everyone has rights that are not necessarily in the Constitution. The scenario used was that a principal had checked a student's school e-mail account.

At State, two of the teams placed in the top 10. The Gold team received second place and the Blue team received ninth. The teams were disappointed that they did not place as high as they had hoped they would.

On Apr. 16, there was an award ceremony held for the teams. At the ceremony, they announced who lettered in mock trial, gave out certificates and showed gratitude to those that helped them be successful during the season.

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Senior J.D. Marvin...

testifies during practice. Marvin played a math teacher who found a note written to another student during class. "In developing my character as a math teacher, I had to look back at all of the math teachers I have had and find one who seemed most believable," said Marvin. "I'd say I had to act the most like Mr. (Gerry) Auxier, only without the voice of course, in that I had to slowly and calmly explain my point without sounding argumentative." photo by Courtney Howard



On a Sunday afternoon...

sophomores Amy Heverly, Sarah Whitten and Andrew Czapl confer with one another during dress rehearsal. "I really liked working with all of the people on my team," said Czapl. "If one of us had a problem during trial or practice, the others would always help out." photo by Courtney Howard

Student Opinion on...

Human Cloning

- "I think cloning is bad because it is creating someone for scientific purposes. I think it lessens the value of human life. Why would someone want to create people whenever they wanted to?"

Jon Gourley, '01

through hard-work, research and teamwork.

Practicing before competition...

junior Anne Miller repeats her closing. "Writing my closing was the hardest part of mock trial for me because the case was complicated and filled with many facts," said Miller. photo by Courtney Howard

Discussing the order of witnesses...

judge Doyle Sanders, senior Betsy Sanders and lawyer Gordy Allen have a pre-trial conference. "Having attorneys present the case against us taught us how to react to the unexpected," said B. Sanders. photo by Courtney Howard

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• • • **Robert Calland, senior** • • •

"Caffeine has never been so important to me in my everyday life. We had to be at school every single morning at seven to practice. Who's idea was that? That's absolutely insane."



• • • **Heather King, junior** • • •

"Mock trial is really challenging, but you learn a lot that you can use later in life like thinking on your feet, speaking in public without getting nervous and how to work with other people to accomplish a goal."



• • • **Nick Beary, freshman** • • •

"Since I'm a freshman, this was my first year on mock trial. I plan on doing it again next year because it was fun. During practices I got to hang out with my friends and got to skip a day of school for competition."



photo by C. Howard

"It was hard to get my open under four minutes because I had a lot to say. Once I had written it, it was hard to cut out things because I felt everything was important to the case. I decided to have (freshman) Julie Crow time it before the trial because I was worried I would go over and wanted to make sure that didn't happen."

Holly Ross, '02

Looking at an exhibit...

sophomore Craig Buske asks sophomore Molly Ehm questions.

- "You can't be nervous
- interrogating a witness," said
- Buske. "I just pretend like I'm performing in a play and it doesn't matter how I do." photo by Courtney Howard

Student Opinion on...

Emphasis on Sports or Academics

- "I hear more about academics. Nobody really talks about sports unless there's
- a sporting event that night. We need to bring more sports into the picture. Kids
- work really hard and they should be recognized for it." **Danielle Katch, '02**

Overcoming difficulties

Wrap Up

On Tuesday, Mar. 6, the fourth graders who made the newspaper at Beaver Creek Elementary School came to the high school. They met with the newspaper staff to learn about how the high school newspaper was made.

The staff was split into two classes for the first time. The editors were in both classes to help pull the paper together. There were 32 students total on the staff and they were divided evenly, with 16 in each class period.

There were two editors throughout the staff. They were seniors Lena Rydberg and Spencer Wise. They both were working on a way to better train the new editors. Both Rydberg and Wise had joined the staff when they were sophomores.

The four extra pages added in February resulted in a 16-page paper which was printed out each month with the exception of March. In March, they didn't get the deadlines done on time so they made a 12-page paper.

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Waiting impatiently...

freshman Matt Putney watches for his page to print. "I like bringing worthwhile information to the students, but sometimes the staff's organization isn't good. I know that I need to take pictures for other people, but they don't always tell me what pictures to take and when to take them," said Putney. He was one of the eight people that joined the staff second semester. photo by Michelle Collignon



Showing layouts and pictures...

senior Marcus Iwig talks with fourth grader Doug Hacfele. "I took one of the fourth graders around and I showed him some of my pictures and the equipment we used. In newspaper, you get a real job experience which you don't get in any other class," said Iwig. photo by Sarah Sauber

Student Opinion on...

"They were there first and they should get it back. One time we were at my house with a whole bunch of people and I didn't call seat back and had to stand the rest of the night."

Shauna Sturdivant, '02

between the page editors and the rest of the staff.

Advising her classmates...

senior Courtney Howard helps sophomores Eric Butterwick and Natalie Baltzley with editing their pages. "It helps make the paper better when staff members can revise other people's work," said Howard. photo by Marcus Iwig

Finding errors...

junior Kristy Kramer corrects a mistake on the first page of the paper. "We edit for accuracy and I would like for people to think of us as a good and accurate source," said Kramer. photo by Marcus Iwig



... Megan Webster, junior ...

"The best part of newspaper is the opportunity to influence decisions in our school. Nothing really bad happened this year. We write the truth and our opinions, some people are bound to get angry."



... Jason VanGundy, sophomore ...

"With more people on the staff, it's easier to do more stories and it means less work for the editors. It's difficult with two classes but we do our best when sometimes we don't have a clue what's going on."



... Lena Rydberg, senior ...

"When I interview I get to hear a different person's perspective. It's interesting because sometimes when listening to an unbiased opinion, I can change my perspective on the topic I'm reporting on."



photo by Matt Ring

"When (Jeannette) Babcock brought I-Books, it was like putting a carrot in front of a donkey. She seemed to say, 'look what you could have but you can't have it.' Newspaper is a nice opportunity to try innovative things and it's fun with the Nintendo™. Doing something that makes people say 'that's neat,' makes it worth it."

Matt Skeens, '00

Making a layout...

senior Spencer Wise and sophomore Chris Verlengia try different font styles on the computer. "It's tougher to put out the paper because it's tougher to communicate (with two classes). There was a lack of communication when doing the blind-dating page. (Freshman Matt) Putney and I were suppose to meet people at Java Joes. The directions were bad so we ended up at a strip joint," said Verlengia. photo by M. Collignon

Student Opinion on...

"The dress code should not be so extreme that students are not even allowed to express their own ideas and originality, but not so lenient that nudity is being expressed because that can affect students' learning."

Dress Codes

Claire Quiner, '02

With a new leader, National Honor Society became disorganized and

Making adjustments

Wrap Up

The 41st year of NHS was headed by a new leader. Mrs. Julie Hukee took over the role and offered creative ideas to groups for service projects and gave individuals advice on college scholarship opportunities.

The Dollars for Scholars Phon-a-Thon was held four Sunday nights in February for three hours at a time. Members signed up for which night they wanted to work. Overall, \$30,000 was made from their phone calls.

There was a total of six small groups in NHS. Each group was in charge of doing two service projects during the year. The projects included collecting pop tops for the Ronald McDonald House and visiting a children's hospital.

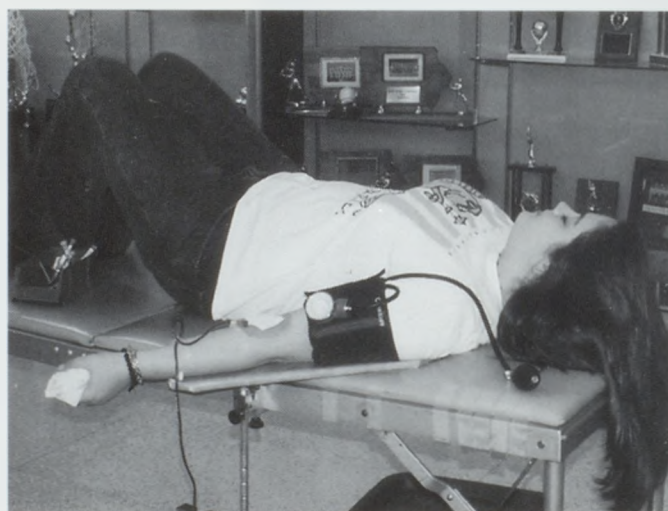
To be accepted into NHS, students needed a 3.4 GPA and had to fill out an application listing their leadership qualities and activities they have been involved in. An NHS board reviewed the applications.

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Checking her list...

senior Shelley Jones makes sure everyone is in their right spot in line. Jones helped out at the NHS induction ceremony by helping to line up the inductees alphabetically and writing down if anyone was absent. "Our small group helped with the induction ceremony as one of our service projects this year. We helped to find a speaker and also helped out on the night of the ceremony to make sure everything ran smoothly, which it did," said Jones. *photo by Megan Stetson*



Relaxing slightly...

senior Nicole Weirich lays with her eyes closed and tries not to think about the needle taking blood from her arm. Students donated their blood for the blood drive sponsored by NHS and Student Council. The blood drive was held outside the big gym on Mar. 14. *photo by Reuben Vanderkwaak*

Student Opinion on...

Body Glitter

- "I like glitter to an extent because it's more appealing. It attracts attention
- because it's all shiny and everything, but when people wear too much of it, then it
- can be annoying."

Shelbi Haller, '03

confusing at times while the rules were more relaxed.

Making final preparations...

seniors Betsy Sanders and Jenny Bond review their notes of the schedule for the induction ceremony. Sanders and Bond, both members of the executive board, spoke during the ceremony. *photo by Megan Stetson*

Showing off her artistic talent...

senior Kelly Anderson paints senior Lena Rydberg's face at the Mid American Energy Safety League Zone. Anderson and Rydberg painted kids' faces at the event, which taught kids to be drug free. *photo by C. Howard*



... Libby Hietbrink, senior ...

"I wanted to be in NHS because it would allow me to become more involved with my classmates and the school. Plus, it is a really good reference tool for scholarships and college applications."



... Dustin Simmerman, senior ...

"This year of NHS was more laid back. Mrs. (Julie) Hukee was the new leader which caused some confusion and rules were a lot more lenient. However, she did a good job of keeping people involved."



... Stacie Schroeder, senior ...

"My service project was making boxes of Christmas presents for kids at a church. It made you feel good to know you were putting a smile on a kid's face without seeing it."

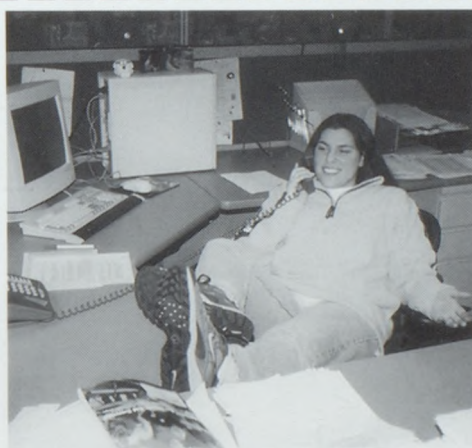


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"The Phon-a-thon was really successful. It was hard for me to make that first call because I didn't know what people would say and I had never done something like that before. I didn't know the script and it took awhile to get the hang of it. Once I knew what I was doing, everything went fine and we raised a lot of money."

Anne Giusto, '00

Sorting through the buckets...

seniors Zarine Anklesaria and John Fiala pick up a handful of carnations. Their small group chose to help organize the Homecoming carnation sales as one of their service projects. On the day the carnations were handed out, the small group came before school to sort the flowers and deliver them to the different classrooms. *photo by M. Collignon*

Student Opinion on...

"You have to be outside on your way to the car in order to be able to call 'shotgun' and you can't call it after someone else has already called it because that is cheating."

"Shotgun" Rules

Carey Peterson, '02

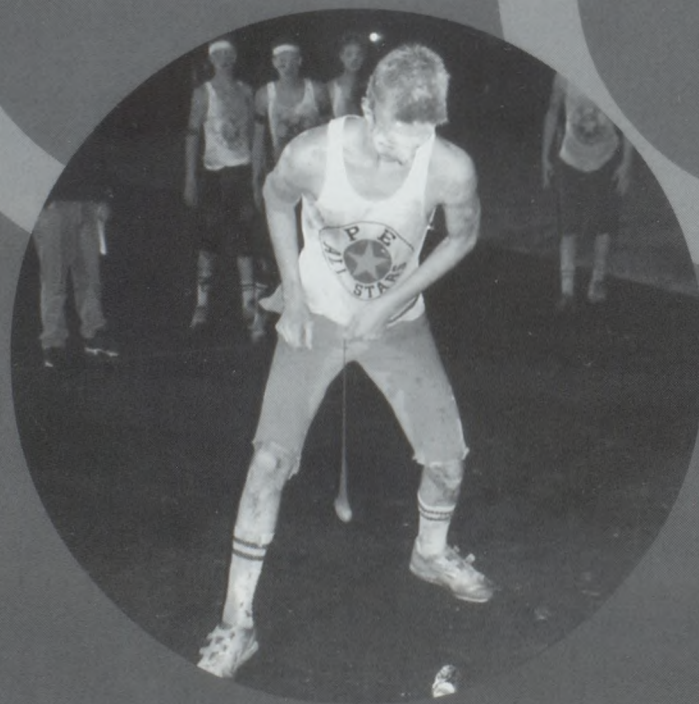
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Swinging his spud...

junior Mike Cameron attempts to get his 7-Up can across the finish line before the other team has the chance. Cameron was part of the team called the P.E. All Stars. "We spent so much time working on our costumes, it didn't matter if we won or not because we knew we looked good on the field," said Cameron.

photo by BreeAnn Williams



Silently sitting in the lobby...

sophomore Janna Bjork indulges into her book. "I was excused early from E.L.P. so I decided to catch up in my book, 'The Great Gatsby' by F. Scott Fitzgerald. Reading is a good way to pass time if you are waiting for something, but only if the book you are reading is interesting, otherwise, time passes as if you were sitting there," said Bjork. *photo by Reuben Vanderkwaak*

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Happy to chat...

senior Michelle Olsen utilizes the school payphone between classes. "Almost every day I decide to spare 35 cents to call someone during my study hall. No matter who is on the other line, I think it's more fun to talk to them about something for a while than just sit around the boring student commons for 40 minutes," said Olsen. *photo by Reuben Vanderkwaak*

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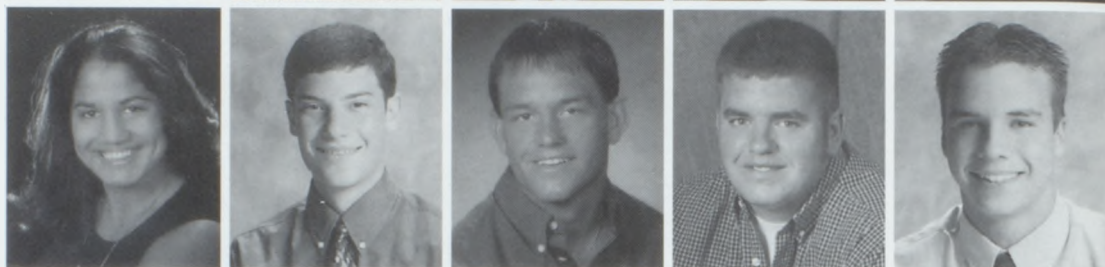


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A matuer Portraits

Posing for

While professional photographers offered special packages, senior Reuben VanderKwaak's strategy was to present seniors with choosing exactly how many pictures they wanted of each pose and what sizes they should be printed at.

VanderKwaak decided to take senior portraits at the beginning of the school year. "I wanted to gain some experience in portrait photography and I also saw it as a way to get some money for college," said VanderKwaak, who advertised by hanging signs throughout the school.

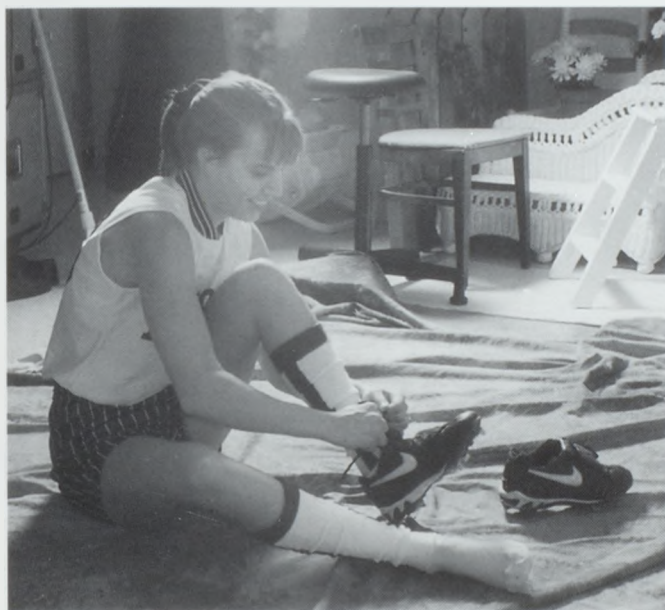
Senior Mike Skinner was the only student from Johnston who chose VanderKwaak's services over other photographers. Skinner said, "It was really cheap. I'm surprised nobody else decided to take advantage of it." spread by Matthew J. Ring



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Admiring his handywork...

senior Reuben VanderKwaak scans over the negatives from his senior shoot. VanderKwaak said, "I charged a certain amount for the session, then gave them prices for each print and they could add up the cost." VanderKwaak took advantage of his employment at Christian Photo by using his discounts to develop his photos. photo by Matthew J. Ring



"During one of my outdoor photos (at Greenbelt Park) the cross-country boys were running over the bridge when I was getting my picture taken. One of them actually ended up in a picture."

*Katie Keck, '00

Tying her shoelaces...

senior Katie Keck gets ready for a pose displaying her involvement in softball. Keck got her senior portraits done at University Photo. "The photographer was really nice and friendly. The backgrounds she chose went well with my outfits and my skin color," said Keck. On the ride up to the studio, Keck had to repaint her toenails because her toenail polish was coming off. photo by Megan Stetson

Sandeep Rao, '00	Clint Meek, '00	Libby Hietbrink, '00
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"The photographer was excellent, though old-fashioned. She had some ideas that weren't from this decade, and others that were pretty trendy."	"They (Thomas and Bruce) understood that most guys don't like to get dressed up and sit in front of a camera, so they cracked jokes with me to help lighten the mood."	"It surprised me how perfect everything had to be to take a picture and how picky (Mike Bartelt) was about every little thing, like the position of the sun on me."



Writing on her senior pictures...

senior Alyssa Smith records a few memories on the wallets she is giving to her friends. "When I give them to my close friends, I usually write down some good old times we had together," said Smith. "For other people, usually I just wish them good luck on their high school year and whatever afterward." Smith believed that people wrote on the backs of their senior pictures so that, after high school, people could read and look back on their lives. "It helps you remember the memories," said Smith. photo by Matthew J. Ring

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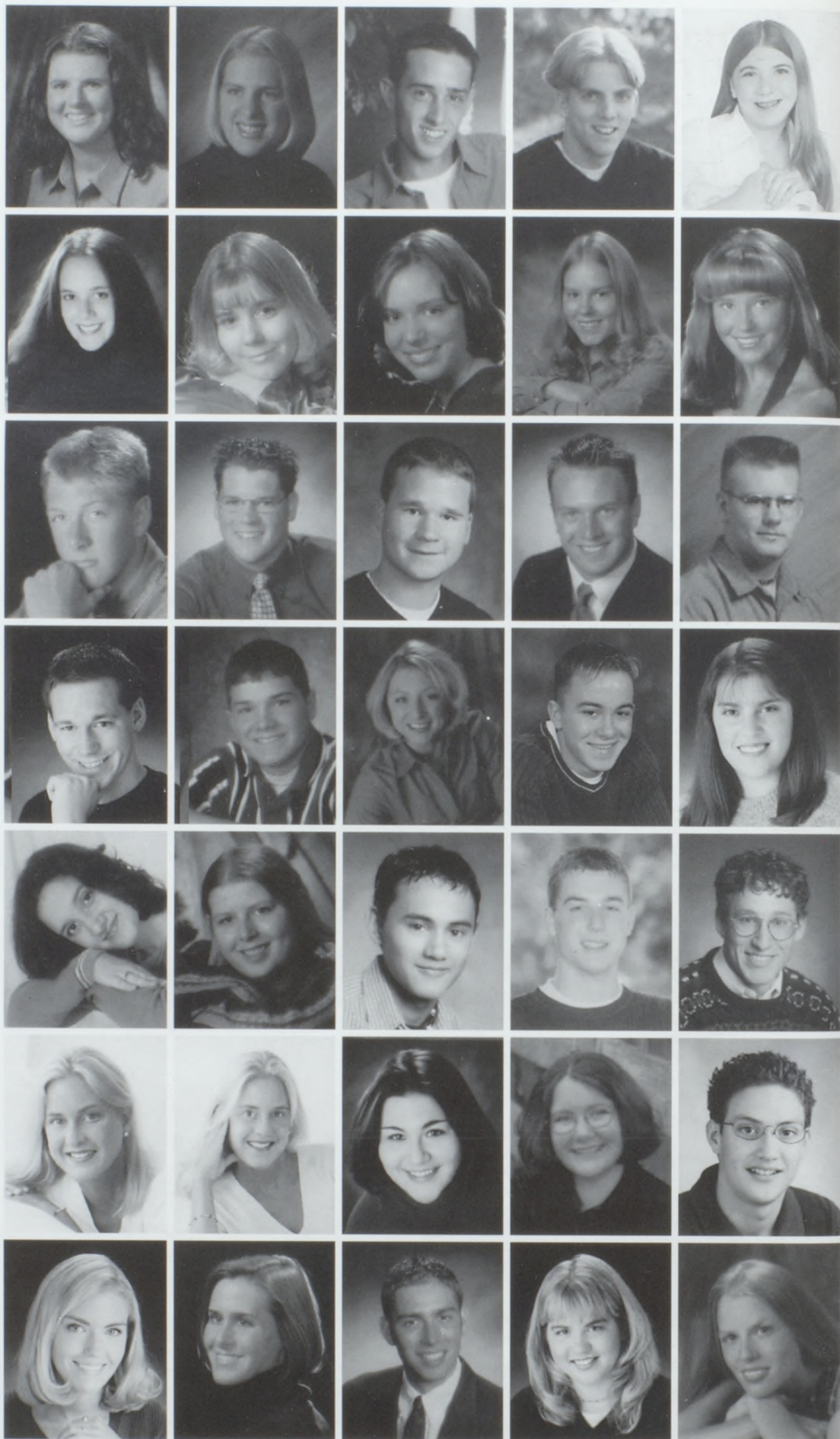
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Support from Parents

College was not the only option for graduating students. Seniors found other things to do after high school such as the military.

Generally, students not attending college, like senior Jayson Smith, felt supported by their parents. His mother, Denise Smith, said, "I support Jayson in any way I possibly can. My original reaction to him going into the army was to worry, then I was proud because of the reason he was going into the service."

Senior Dustin Sherrod planned on going into the air force after high school. He said, "My parents support me. It makes me feel good because I don't want to do anything that they're against."

Seniors not going to college found support from parents to explore other opportunities and encouragement to reach their goals. *spread by Serbus*



Counting change for a Casey's customer...

senior Nichole Lloyd hands him his money. She planned on either taking night classes at DMACC or taking computer courses following high school. She thought of getting a full-time office job. Lloyd was unsure about her profession in later years. She said, "I hope this (working full-time) will give me an outlook about working full-time, supporting myself and deciding what is right for me." *photo by Julia Serbus*






"I don't really like school, so I'm going to wait a year and then decide if I should go back for the technical stuff. I'm going to wait and experiment. I'm unprepared (for college) because it's tougher than high school."

**John Ferguson, '00*

Repairing his car...

is a good insight to what senior John Ferguson's job after high school as an auto mechanic will be like. He was checking the alternator belt in his car to see if it was tight. If this belt wasn't tight it would harm his car because it could come off and rub against something. The belt also should be tight to keep the starter charged. Ferguson's jobs in high school were at Fareway in the meat department and as a cook at B-Bops. *photo by Julia Serbus*

<p>Kelly Andersen, '00</p>  <p>↓</p> <p>"Most specialized fields require a college education but I feel if a person has the ability to go into a field right after high school, then college isn't necessary."</p>	<p>Aaron Knowles, '00</p>  <p>↓</p> <p>"Education is a big deal to me. My mom didn't go to college and she always says she wishes she would have. To me, college is the next stepping stone to my career."</p>	<p>Leah Wieland, '00</p>  <p>↓</p> <p>"If a person doesn't go to college they may not be able to get the job they want and there would be more job opportunities open to them (if they went to college.)"</p>
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Listening to music on the slopes...

senior Andy Clark stands with his goggles on. Clark was snow boarding in Boone at the resort called Seven Oaks. He didn't think he was going to college after graduating, though he thought about going to Whistler, Canada, to work at a ski resort in the mountains. He went there once and loved it. "It's fun to be in the mountains. I like not having to worry about cars because it's a village and there are no cars so you have to walk," said Clark. *photo by Bev Clark*

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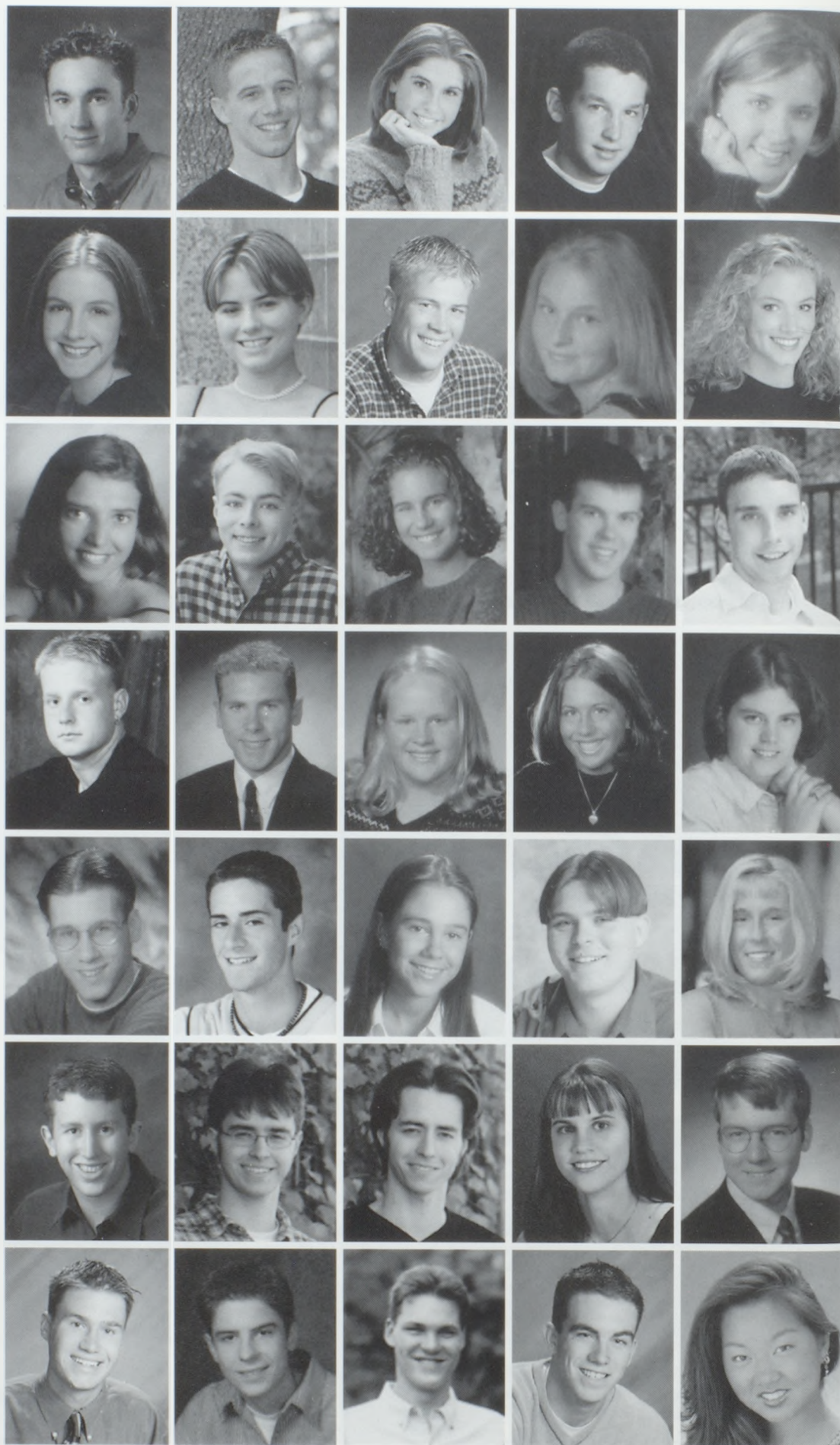
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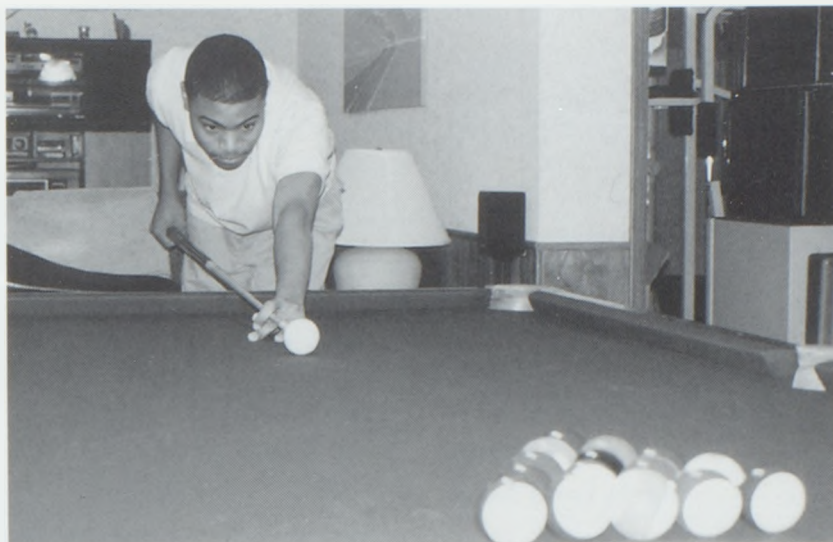
Fewer Classes

With the possibility of early dismissal, seniors managed to take fewer classes during their school day to give them more free time.

Late arrival was also offered, but many seniors said they preferred early dismissal. Senior Austin Mark said, "Early dismissal is better than late arrival because I get out of school and it opens up opportunities for me to work."

Other seniors took early dismissal to further their education. Senior Jenna Peitzman said, "I have three classes at Johnston, then I go to DMACC on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays for a class."

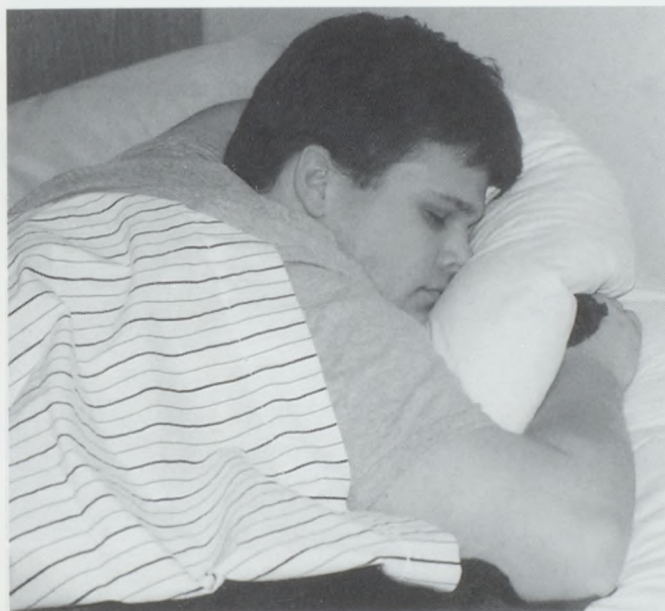
Early dismissal gave seniors extra free time to work, study or just laze around. *spread by Adam Roger Horning*



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Getting ready to break...

senior Mike McCown plays a game of pool after school. He said he had more time to waste since he had late arrival and early dismissal. "Having late arrival and early dismissal has many great advantages, like being able to stay out longer at night and not worry about getting up at 7 a.m. Leaving early lets me have that extra time to do my homework," said McCown. *photo by A.H.*



"Seniors get to take advantage of the best thing about school, not going. My favorite part of my school day is between 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. During this time I'm sleeping silently without fearing a tardy or truancy."

**Jason Olson, '00*

Getting his eight hours of sleep...

senior Jason Olson takes advantage of his late arrival time. Olson said that originally he planned on working during this time. "Before I started having late arrival I thought, 'I'll wake up early and get my homework done in the morning' but that was just my way of saying, 'Maybe I can get it done between periods.' Now I can wake up at nine and still have time to do my calculus," said Olson. *photo by Adam Horning*

Gavin Kucera, '00	Julie Goodrich, '00	Amie Hanson, '00
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"Late arrival is good because I don't like waking up for school. Also, it gives me extra time in the morning to study or to get my homework done."	"I prefer early dismissal because I already have all the credits I need to graduate. Also, it allows me to have free time in my afternoons to do whatever I want to do."	"I would rather have early dismissal than late arrival. I like to get school out of the way in the morning and I can get a lot of shopping and errands run in my free time."



Searching through the clothes rack...

senior David Jones tries to find a customer's order. Jones worked at Beaver Avenue Cleaners. He said early dismissal allowed him to get more hours in at work and save money for after graduation. "I work after school everyday," said Jones. "I always work six days a week, Monday through Saturday. I don't really like working but I like getting the paycheck every week." *photo by Michelle Collignon.*

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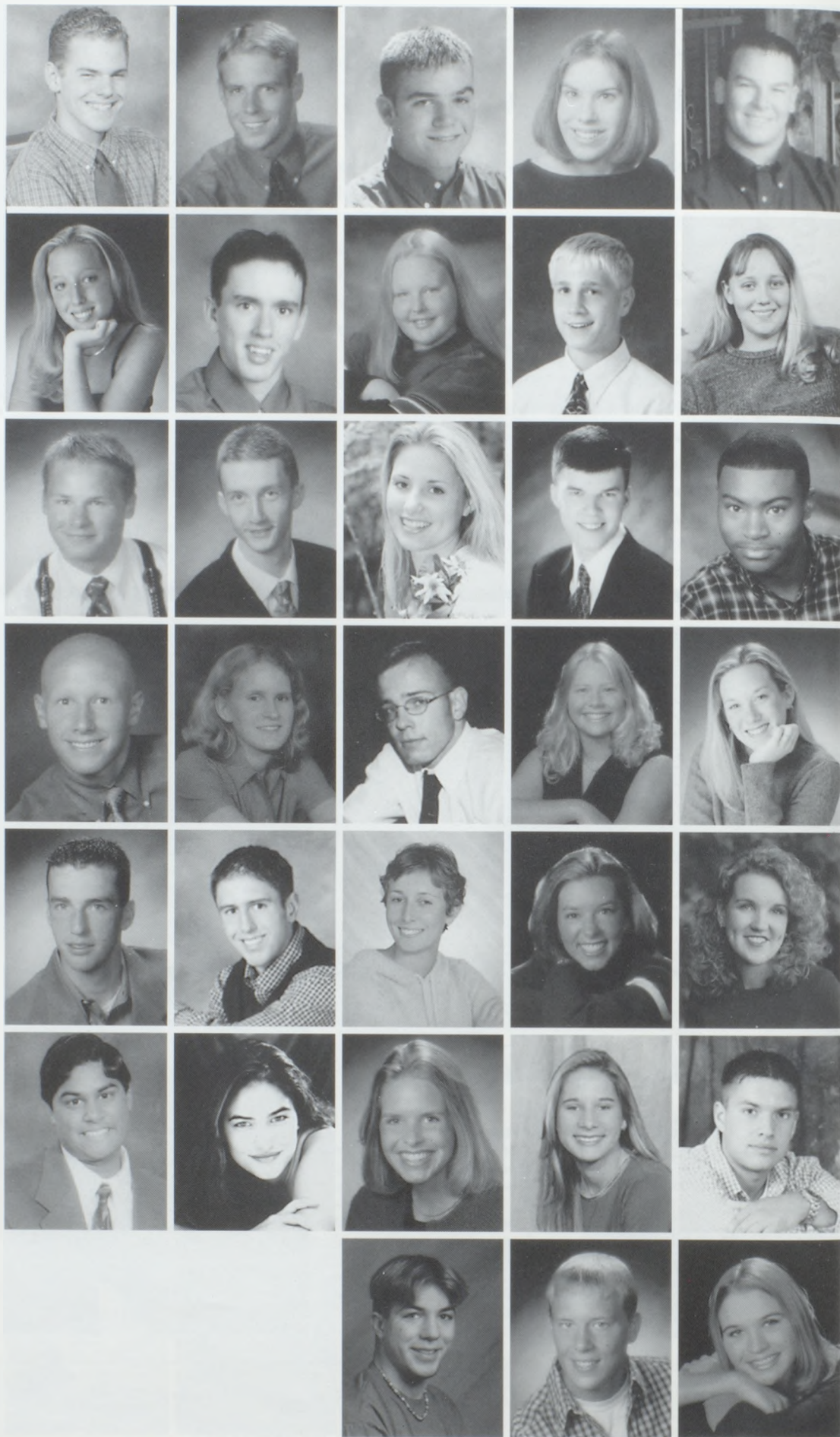
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Growing and Changing

School District

The kids who have been at Johnston since kindergarten are considered sandbox kids. These seniors saw many new kids come and go and have watched Beaver Creek Elementary being built.

They have also been there for the arrival of new teachers and the retirement of old ones. "When I was in kindergarten we were taught in the building that is now the Administration Building," said senior Melissa Ward.

One advantage to being a sandbox kid is that some people have grown close together. But, others have strayed away from each other. Senior Tony Lamb said, "I have not stayed friends with any other sandbox kids. I guess we just went our separate ways and over the years we grew apart." *spread by Emma Stone*



Splashing in the tub together...

seniors Dawn Warner and Logan Hollobaugh get cleaned up in the bathtub during the afternoon one day. Warner and Hollobaugh grew up together and spent many days playing when they were little. "Dawn's mom and my mom are best friends, and when I was little I was over there a lot. She babysat me sometimes. Now we are still good friends," said Hollobaugh. *photo by Peggy Warner*



"Being a sandbox kid is really neat. I have been in one place for 13 years straight. I have bunches of memories at school with the other sandbox kids. We have been together so long and know everything about each other."

**Alysha Orris, '00*

Using her favorite birthday toy...

senior Alysha Orris swims in her new blow-up swimming pool. Orris got the pool from her mom for her fourth birthday. Orris had her mom and grandma blow it up so she could play in it. "I got a new swimming suit for my birthday that year too," said Orris. Her mom sat in the pool for a while to help her celebrate the day and to use her new toys. *photo by Barb Cotter*

Tia Krulitz, '00	Lisa Dounda, '00	Grant Patterson, '00
"I am still friends with other sandbox kids, like Andrea Ranker and Mary Mullenix. We have done stuff together to stay friends and have grown closer over the years."	"One of my favorite memories from being little is when I would get the whole neighborhood together after school and we would play hide-and-seek when it got dark."	"My favorite class in elementary was science. I liked it because we studied the solar system. We got to make models of the planets and had a lot of fun."



Posing for the first day of school...

senior Betsy Sanders stands with her older sister, (graduate) Robin, on Sept. 1, 1987, while their mom takes a picture to capture the exciting moment. The two sisters accompanied each other to school. For B. Sanders this was the first day of kindergarten. This was also the first day back for R. Sanders who was going into fourth grade. Both sisters attended the Johnston schools from kindergarten to their senior year. *photo by Maggie Sanders*

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Childhood Pastimes

Barbies™, Cabbage Patch Kids™ and Sesame Street were a few of the toys and shows seniors remembered from when they were kids.

Senior Jenny Bond's favorite Barbie™ was Curl Magic™. "I played with Barbies™ all the time. I set up the house and then curled their hair. I would set everything up and then I became bored so I never really got around to playing," said Bond.

Many games that seniors played when they were younger are still played by kids today. "I liked to play Monopoly™ and Life™ with my friends and read the *Babysitter's Club* books," said senior Shelley Jones.

When thinking back to their younger days, these were only some of the games and toys seniors remember being popular. *spread by Sarah Kesse*



Listening to her tape player...

senior Melissa Long lays on the ground next to her Barbie and the Rockers™ van. "I got it for Christmas and I thought it was neat, but my dad accidentally threw it away," said Long. "When playing with friends, we would play store a lot. We had fake food and a cash register, and we pretended we were in a grocery store or were buying clothes." *photo by Victoria Long*



"I loved Cabbage Patch Kids™. My mom use to make them for me and this made them more special to me than just regular Cabbage Patch™ dolls. I also had a lot of Barbies™ and I would play with them all the time."

**Bailey Hufford, '00*

Pretending to be her sister's baby...

senior Stacie Schroeder sits in a box while her sister Carrie pretends to be the mom. "That Cabbage Patch™ doll was the first one that I had. I loved it and I would take it everywhere with me. My doll's name was Angela, but I couldn't pronounce her name so I called her Angaroo. My sister and I usually got along but I remember her bossing me around a lot," said S. Schroeder. *photo by Nancy Schroeder*

Jon Gibbs, '00	Erin Hansen, '00	Angela Maier, '00
<p>"My favorite memory is when I made a half-court basketball shot in fifth grade. I have it on video tape and my friends and I still get it out and watch it."</p>	<p>"My favorite toys were My Little Ponies™ and Barbies™, which I played with my friends at preschool. Also, I watched <i>Rainbow Bright</i> because it was my favorite TV show."</p>	<p>"My favorite TV show was <i>Floppy</i>. I was on it once so I was a big fan. It was a puppeteer show, but it was discontinued a couple years after I was on it."</p>



Impersonating Elvis Presley...

senior Matt Herrmann sings into his Star Stage™. "I was infatuated with Elvis and I was always doing impersonations of him. My room was covered with Elvis things. I got my Star Stage™ one year at Christmas and the day before, I went sledding with my bother and sister. I had jumped onto my sled and then when I was going down, I hit a tree, went through a ditch and then I went through a thorny bush area. I got these scratches on my eye, so my dad took me to the hospital and I had to keep telling my story over and over. I guess they were making sure that I wasn't abused by my dad. So I spent Christmas Eve in the hospital and I thought that I was pretty cool," said Herrmann. *photo by Jane Herrmann*

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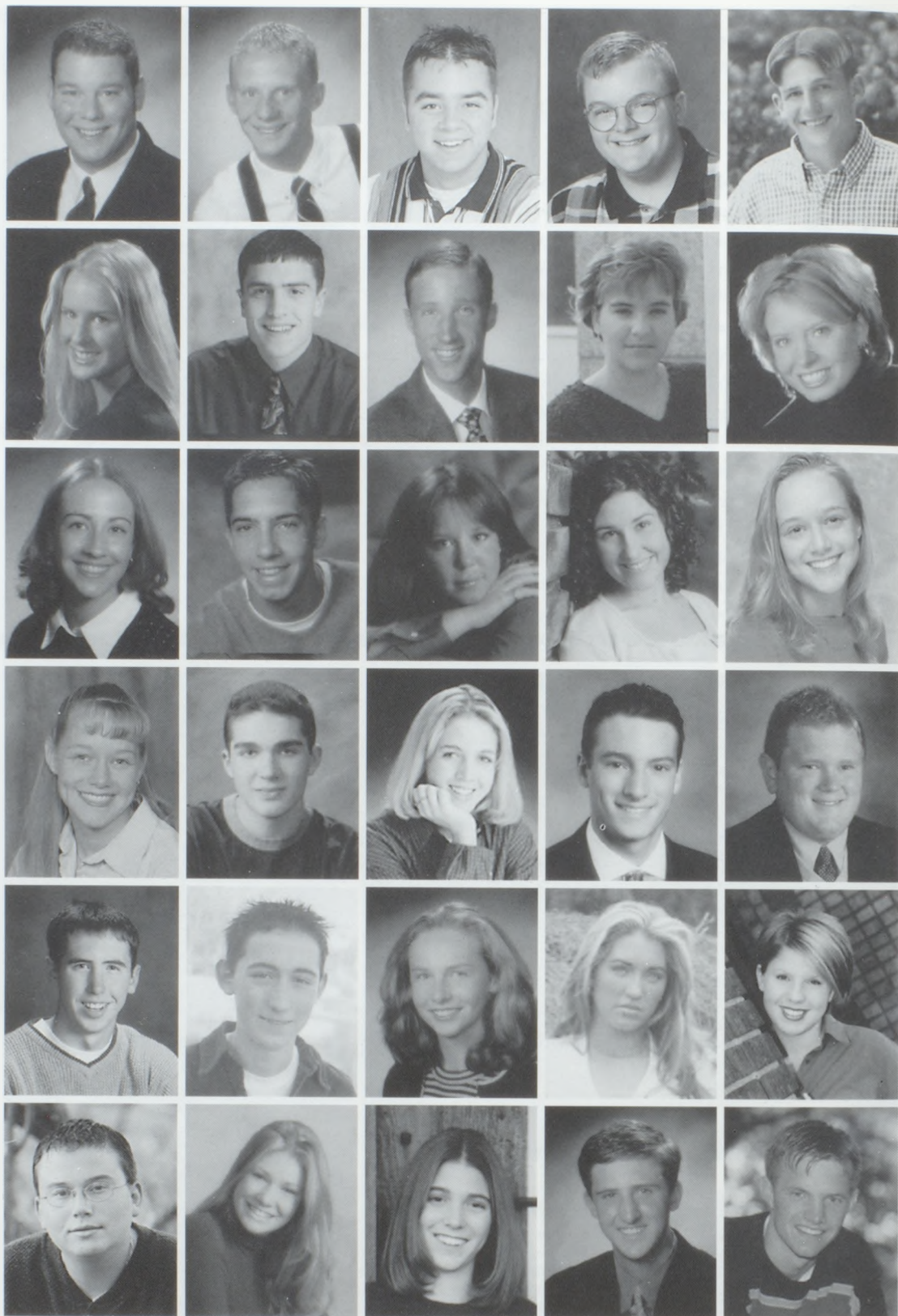
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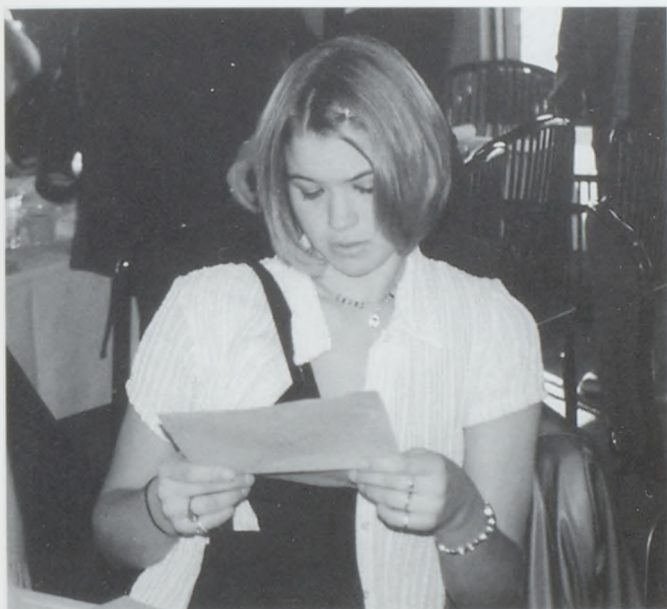
Seniors piled onto buses and headed toward Hyperion Field Club for the senior breakfast on Feb. 9. First, Dr. Richard Sundblad spoke, then they finally got food such as bacon, eggs, sausage, muffins and cinnamon rolls.

While the last few people finished eating, the speakers filled their ears with words of wisdom. Mr. Brian Donahue, most of the seniors' former eighth grade teacher, gave a speech about how the seniors "ain't all that." Senior Christine Ybarra said, "I liked Mr. Donahue's speech because he said a lot of stuff that I could relate to, like the funny stories he told us."

Science teacher Jim Mahoney gave a speech about memories and graduate Greg (Buck) Olson also spoke. *spread by Marissa Stetson*



Seniors Louis Friestad, Randy Palmer and Jovey Molayal help themselves to bacon... at the first senior breakfast of the millennium. Senior Vicki Holmertz said, "The food was really good. The cinnamon French toast was the best, I even went back for more because it was so good." Seniors Ashley Bengard, Jessi Reece, Grant Patterson and Grant Mandsager were the hosts of the breakfast. *photo by Marissa Stetson*



"I had been waiting since eighth grade when they said we would get to open our time capsules at senior breakfast, so it was really exciting to get to open them. The speakers said really good stuff that we can use in the future."

**Megan Nyberg '00*

Reading old memories...

senior Megan Nyberg opens her time capsule. Nyberg said, "I wrote weird things in my time capsule like how my favorite food was corn on the cob and who my teachers were. The friends that I had back then have all changed now."

Nyberg's favorite part was getting to eat the food. She didn't have a least favorite part, but she wished it would have been closer to graduation time. *photo by Julia Serbus*

Eric Fritz, '00	Angela Schuster '00	Chad Orr, '00
"I liked how I could remember what I use to be like in eighth grade from my time capsule. My friend wrote that he better have a hot girlfriend when he opened his."	"I said (in my time capsule) how I thought that Mary Mullenix and Andy Sundblad would be the Homecoming king and queen our senior year, and they were both on the court."	"It was neat when I opened my time capsule at senior breakfast. It reminded me of back in the day and all the old memories I had from eighth grade."



Taking a bite of her French toast...

senior Abby Onken chats with her friends. "Senior breakfast was fun. There were really good speakers and we got to hang out with our friends, which was really cool," said Onken. The speakers were Onken's favorite part. "I liked Mr. (Jim) Mahoney's speech the best out of all of them. It was about all the memories he had of us and all the good and bad things that happened while we were in high school," said Onken. Along with all the rest of the seniors, Onken went to the slide show in the auditorium, which contained pictures of the seniors when they were younger. *photo by Marissa Stetson*

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Rulin' the Campus

Big Kids

Seniors enjoyed many privileges that younger grades were not allowed to indulge in. Examples included open campus and early out. But, with all these benefits, did seniors have seniority over the underclassmen?

Freshman Craig Buske said, "When I came to high school I didn't really experience any problems with upperclassmen. They treated me pretty well, and were even helpful at times by helping me find a classroom."

Overall, seniority didn't seem to be considered a big issue. Senior Emily Garrett said, "I believe that seniority isn't a real problem here. I have friends from all grades, and I don't think that age should matter as long as you get along with the person." *spread by BreeAnn Williams*



Taking authority in the lunch room...

seniors Jacob Strohman, Nic Schrer and Michelle Olson laugh at the antics of senior Jason Kohles. Not many seniors frequented the cafeteria because they had the option of open lunch. However, the ones that did eat lunch at the high school made sure to have their own designated areas where they all sat and ate lunch. *photo by BreeAnn Williams*



"I think sophomores are pretty cool. I am friends with a lot of them, but the freshmen sometimes frustrate me. They always stand in the halls in groups. I don't know them that well because there is a big age difference between us."

**Eric Fritz, '00*

Conversing in the commons...

senior Eric Fritz and sophomore Whitney Armstrong hang out after school. That was often a good time for students to talk without the pressure of a classroom setting and a teacher breathing down a person's neck. Many students met in the student commons to catch up on each other's days and see friends that they may not have had a chance to talk to during the day. *photo by BreeAnn Williams*

Ryan Karloff, '00	Meredith Calhoun, '00	Aaron Holmgren, '03
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"There's seniority in every school, but it's always been that way. Want to know the real difference between seniors and freshmen? It's about six inches"	"I think that there is some seniority in our school, but I think guys may have more of a problem with it because sometimes guys tend to be more competitive."	"I think that if the seniors began to boss the younger grades around, it would be like the ants and grasshoppers in <i>A Bug's Life</i> , with the seniors being the grasshoppers"



Having a good time...

seniors Monica Inge, Lisa Doudna and Amie Hanson engage in an intriguing conversation while freshman Ryan Clarkson attempts to stay out of their way. Because of the seating in the lunch room, often times seniors and freshmen sat side by side, trying not to bump elbows while they ate their lunch room cuisine. *photo by BreeAnn Williams*

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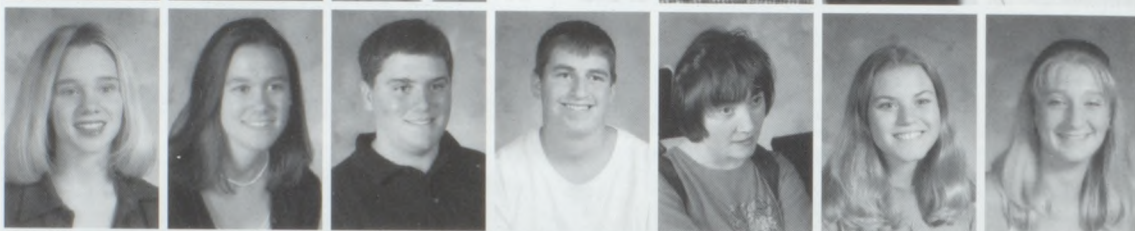
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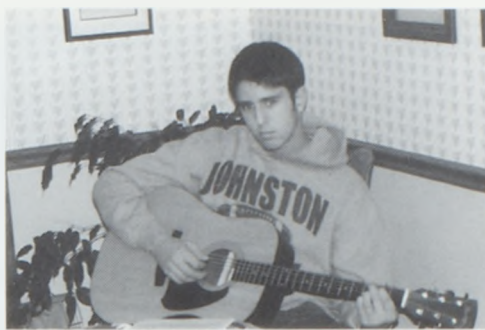
Members met every other week, if possible, to grow closer to one another through their faith and to have a good time.

Fellowship of Christian Athletes was an organization that about 50 members attended. Meetings started out with a worship time where they sang a few songs.

After the singing, the group usually proceeded with either an activity or a speaker. Then they split into smaller groups to discuss what they learned that night.

A new addition this year was the assistance of guitar playing during the songs. "I feel that it adds a lot to the meetings," said sophomore Kristen Kirkpatrick. Graduate Adam Haug, seniors Kyle Mertz and Nathan Kirkpatrick were the three who often played guitars during meetings.

Freshman Whitney Dominguez said, "I'm so excited to be in FCA. It's a really great experience. Even though I'm only a freshman, they just accept me for who I am. There are some really great people there." *spread by BreeAnn Noel Williams*



Providing the tunes...

- senior Kyle Mertz pauses in his guitar
- playing for a moment to listen in
- on the conversation going on within his small group. *photo by BreeAnn Noel Williams*

Enjoying the moment...

sophomores Missy Iwig and Bekah Morris and senior Joel Siedenberg listen while graduate Adam Haug plays guitar. *photo by BreeAnn Noel Williams*

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"FCA is a really fun organization. I learned a lot about other people through meetings and it also brought me closer to some of my friends that attend. I would encourage anyone to come see what it's all about."

• Missy Iwig, '02



Mass chaos occurs during a meeting...

as members participate in an activity in which each person has a sheet of paper taped to their back and others write compliments about the person on their piece of paper. This activity helped to build each other's self-esteem. The group often did activities like this before starting each meeting. *photo by BreeAnn Noel Williams*

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photo by Amy Dennis

"One of my favorite parts of FCA would have to be when we all divide up into small groups. I really enjoy the conversation and getting to know people better. It's good to be able to talk to people outside of a school setting."

~Kelli Mabe, '03

What is your favorite FCA song?

"I love the song we end with every night, the 'official' FCA song. It's a new song this year, and I really enjoy the lyrics to it. I feel that I can relate to them."

• • • • • *Felisa Hansen, '02

"I enjoy all the songs we sing, and it's tough to pick just one, but one that I particularly like would be the FCA song."

• • • • • *Lindsey Kroeger, '01

"I like all of them. Each one has a different message in it and they are all really cool."

• • • • • *Nate Frv, '01

"I really enjoy all the songs that we sing. The singing time is a lot of fun. While I can't really choose a favorite, one that I like a lot would be 'Shout to the Lord.' It's a really neat song."

• • • • • *Stacey Johnson, '03



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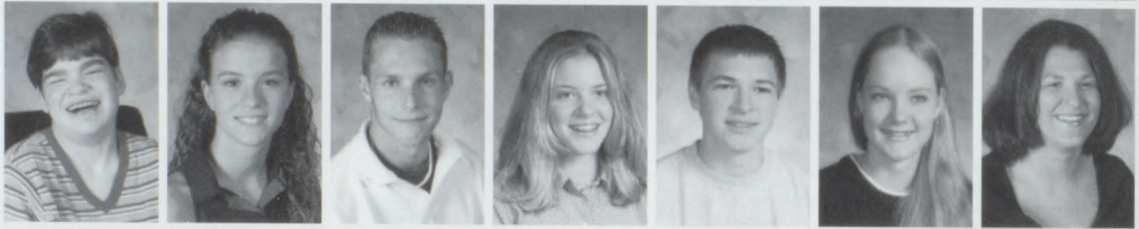
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Promoting Awareness

Safety Kids and SADD took time to teach students about drugs and alcohol. Staying sober was the message they wanted to spread.

Joining Safety Kids proved to be worthwhile, while being in SADD could be frustrating at times.

Sophomore Stephanie Tingley felt Safety Kids was very productive because of their positive message. "Where I used to live, kids would offer me drugs at a young age. Now my sister is that same age and I want to help protect her from that same problem. I think we really do help," said Tingley.

Unlike Safety Kids, some SADD members did not feel as positively about what they accomplished. Junior Katie Flatt said, "Some students joined just because Ms. (Jackie) Sapp offered extra credit in Health. Yet, these people still drink and are in it for the wrong reason. This gives us a bad image."

Despite some obstacles, Safety Kids and SADD planned many activities to promote correct choices with drugs and alcohol. *spread by Emily Hoffman*



Reciting her lines...

- junior Hannah Cline practices the Safety Kids skit before performing.
- "It takes a long time to learn my lines. I don't have time to practice," said Cline. *photo by Emily Hoffman*

Doing the "hand jive"...

senior Katie Keck and juniors Kim Holt and Sondra Schreiber practice the song "All Ya Gotta Say is No" for their skit. *photo by Emily Hoffman*

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"Seeing the kids' faces after we perform 'All Ya Gotta Say is No' is the best part of the performance. They are so happy and you feel like you got the message across to them, that they can say no to drugs."

• Katie Keck, '00



Kindergartner Mitch Wilson gives senior Mike Skinner, who is dressed as J.D. the dragon... a hug in appreciation of what he taught. SADD went to the elementary schools to help them learn about drug abuse and how to keep their bodies healthy with the right foods and exercise. Senior Chelsey Larson said, "Volunteering our time to help the little kids and get our message across to them is the most important part of SADD." *photo by Courtney Howard*



photo by Courtney Howard

"Tying ribbons on the cars was the best part of Red Ribbon Week. It took awhile to organize, but it was worth it. It's a really good idea because people see the ribbons everyday and it reminds them not to drive when they are drunk."

~Kaylin Bird, '01

Why did you join Safety Kids?

"To be in something that has a positive effect on kids in the end."

... *Brandy Nuss, '01

"To be involved in something else as an extracurricular activity."

... *Sondra Schreiber, '01

"I get the chance to educate young children and I feel that I am giving back to the community."

... *Victoria Brenton, '01

"I like acting and this is a good opportunity to teach little kids about dangerous things."

... *Whitney Armstrong, '02

"I wanted to be a good role model to the younger kids in our district."

... *Alison Obermayer, '02

"It seemed like something fun to do and my friends had said it was fun."

... *Kelsey Bell, '01

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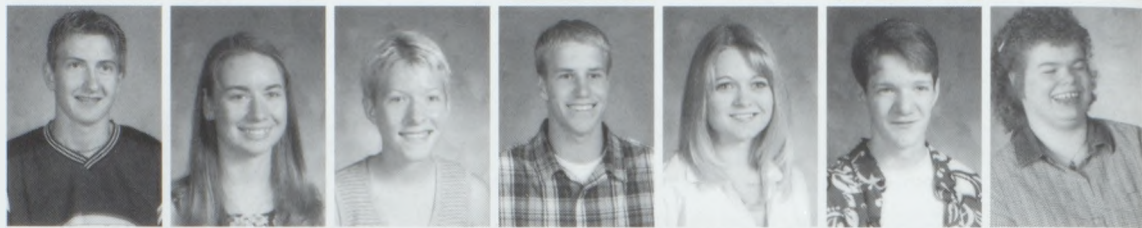
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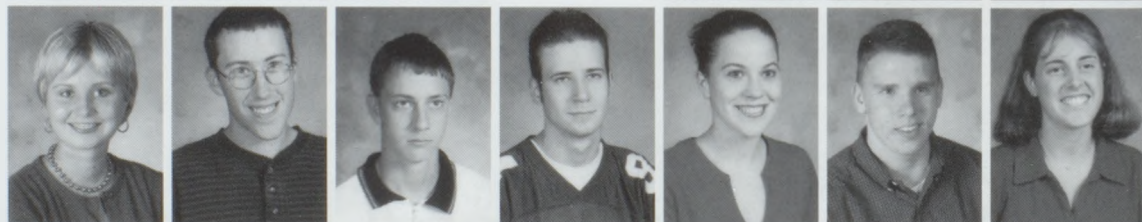
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Gender Effects

It's a fact that guys and girls are different, but not all agree on whether these differences go beyond anatomy and into the classroom.

Studies show that males accelerate in visual activities and females do better at verbal activities, according to child psychologist Dr. Warren Phillips.

Psychology teacher Cindy Partington disagreed. "Right now I have no boys, but two girls, that learn better visually and artistically. I always have some boys that are good at reading, writing and understanding literature," said Partington.

One student that felt she learned better visually than verbally was senior Shelly Jones. "It seems to stay in my brain longer," said Jones. "Then, if I see it on a test, I might get it right."

People's learning styles were not based on gender, according to sophomore Alex Wall. "I think different people learn differently, but not necessarily because of their gender," said Wall. "I think it is based more on their environment." *spread by Courtney Howard*



Giving her boyfriend, sophomore John Aitchison, a ride...

• junior Heather Clarkson starts the truck as he gets in. "I don't think guys always have to drive," said Aitchison. *photo by C. Howard*

Deciding what to buy...

seniors Cory Briggs and Misti Thoren look over the candy at Silver Cinemas. They decided to pay for themselves when they went out. *photo by Howard*

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"I don't like having Cory (Briggs, sr.) pay for me, and I would feel guilty if he did. That's why we pay for ourselves. I don't mind paying when we go out because I know Cory works for his money, just like I do."

• Misti Thoren, '00



Finding the time to use the weight room after school...

senior Micaeliah Morrill does arm curls to strengthen her biceps. "There are a lot of girls that need to lift to be in shape and strong," said Morrill. "Even though you aren't doing it to be humongous, it's good for your spirit. If you are serious about lifting, the guys in the weight room will help you out." *photo by Courtney Howard*

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photo by Courtney Howard

"I decided to take Intro to Tech because I am interested in the graphic aspect of it. I was worried that I would get in and not be interested in the automotive aspect, but once we got started in that, it was pretty interesting to me."

~Larissa Rathbun, '02

What do you not understand about the opposite sex?

"Why they always have to act macho in front of their friends. Girls become invisible when guys are around their guy friends."

... *Cathy Partington, '01

"Girls seem to be more self-involved than guys. Guys are more easy-going and don't care as much about themselves."

... *Mike Skinner, '00

"The way they act. They want you to spend all of your time with them and not your friends. Some are very controlling."

... *Tim Buzzy, '02

"They can be nice one moment and jerks the next. A guy was nice to me, and the next day, called me mean names."

... *Ashley Sullivan, '03

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The Millennium Dred

Preparation and anxiety in the school set in as talk of the Y2K bug spread, but fears subsided when the lights kept glowing through the night.

As the 20th century came to a close, the school district scrambled to make preparations for the year 2000. "We made a list of all electrical items in the district, sent the information to the manufacturers and made sure everything was Y2K compliant," said director of technology Dennis Yoshimura.

Problems with the Dynacom system's compliancy forced the high school to temporarily set the computer's date back to 1994 in order to keep the system functional. "We problem-solved and came up with a free solution," said media specialist Jeanette Babcock.

Though preparation was time-consuming, the district entered the 21st century with few glitches. "On Monday (morning), we had to reset the clock and alarm systems, but by 8:30 a.m., the clocks were within one minute of each other," said associate principal Marty Harswick. *spread by Matt Ring*



Filling the shelves...

junior Lindsay Simmerman stocks up on food. "My mom also forced me to fill the bathtub in case we lost water, so we could flush the toilet," said Simmerman. *photo by M. Ring*

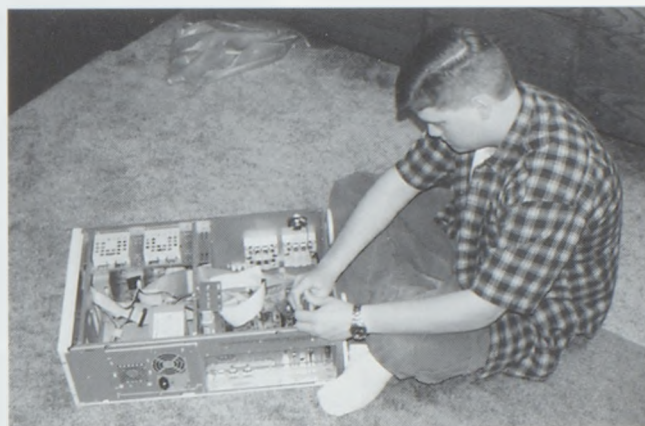
Installing a few components...

senior Ryan Bergman builds his new computer from various parts that he ordered off the internet. *photo by Matthew J. Ring*

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"When I ordered the parts (for my computer) in November, one thing I looked for before buying anything was the statements the manufacturer made about its products being Y2K compliant."

• Ryan Bergman, '00



Going through his checks on New Year's Eve...

assistant director of buildings and grounds Tim Kline looks over the phone, clock and fire alarm systems to see if any are in trouble. "When there's a problem, the system will alarm," said Kline. "But it was a pretty quiet night." Kline and director of buildings and grounds Roger Fusselman drove around the district looking for problems in the school's internal systems. *photo by Ring*



photo by Matthew J. Ring

"When I got to school at 7 a.m. on Monday for Mock Trial, the clocks were off by a minute. While practicing, the clocks went through a 12-hour cycle in a matter of minutes. Everyone was trying to figure out what was going on."

~Robert Calland, '00

How did you prepare for Y2K?

"My mom bought extra food and drinks to store in the basement of our house, but I wasn't expecting anything to happen."

• Steve Rude, '00

"I downloaded a patch file from the Microsoft™ web site so that my computer wouldn't crash."

• Nick Reed, '02

"My family bought some flashlights and batteries in case the power went off. We also bought some bottled water for cooking and flushing the toilet."

• Stephanie Lamb, '03

"I didn't think too much about it (the Y2k bug) because I had heard in March from ZDNet (e-mail newsletter) that Iowa was one of the few states that was completely Y2K compliant."

• Kyle Sherrod, '03

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Decreasing Numbers

Although the number of peer tutors had dropped significantly due to other activities and lack of promotion, it was still beneficial to young students.

Peer tutoring was a way for high school students to get involved in the future generations. By taking one period out of their schedule, students were able to help in young elementary students' days. The purpose of peer tutoring was to assist younger students with academics and social issues.

"I wouldn't even really consider it tutoring. It's more like mentoring. You help the student stay on track at school and feel good about themselves," said coordinator Vicki Cronin.

There were 35 student tutors, compared to 55 last year. One student who tutored last year was sophomore Jen Gaukler. "I didn't tutor this year because I had a full schedule and a lot of other things to do," said Gaukler.

Cronin said even though the number of students tutoring has decreased, it was still a well beneficial organization for high school and elementary school students. *spread by Kat Kellogg*



Reviewing some math facts...

sophomore Eric Butterwick individually tutors Connor Miller, by studying flashcards. Miller was a student in Mrs. Lois Mace's second grade class. *photo by Jessica Madole*

Setting down the next piece...

sophomore Missy Iwig reviews two students' spelling words for the week by playing a game of Scrabble. *photo by Megan Stetson*

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"Helping the third graders is easy most of the time. I work with them on anything from flashcards and math, to helping a certain student speak English. I even play games with the students sometimes."

• Missy Iwig, '02



Kneeling down to help a student in Mrs. Joanna Reno's first grade class...

senior Chris Uchytel tells first grader Jarett Munoz to read the word on the practice cards. "Munoz is my favorite student to tutor because he is so full of energy and fun to be around. I help the students correct work, practice spelling, complete worksheets and with reading. Sometimes helping the students can make my day better," said Uchytel. *photo by Michelle Collignon*

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Peer Helpers

Why did you decide to tutor?

"I like helping and being around little kids."

... *Leslie Ogren, '02

"I really like little kids and I have considered teaching so I thought it would be fun."

... *Sarah Coleman, '00

"It was a way to get out of study hall. It's fun and something easy to do instead of sitting there."

... *Lizzie Meyer, '02

"I thought helping kids was a better way to spend my study hall."

... *Spencer Wise, '00

"Because I have been looking at teaching when I go to college. I wanted the experience and other people said it was fun."

... *Lindsey Haag, '01

"It sounded like a fun thing to do."

... *Jason Iwig, '00

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Conflicting Viewpoints

With a majority of males in ROTC, there were people who felt the females received different treatment because of their gender.

Both males and females participated in the ROTC program. However, some males felt that the girls were disciplined differently than they were. "They (females) get treated better. Most of them have higher ranks and they put forward less effort," said freshman Jess Helland.

There were girls who felt they didn't get treated differently. Sophomore Jessica Turner said, "I think we get treated equally."

When students were disciplined, there were also differences. "I think their physical strength is taken into consideration with punishments," said sophomore Josh Weller. When doing push-ups, girls could drop to their knees after they did as many regular push-ups as they could. Guys didn't have this option.

There was always the concern of the performance of the girls and guys. Weller said, "The girls can do just as well as the guys if they put their minds to it." spread by Julia Serbus

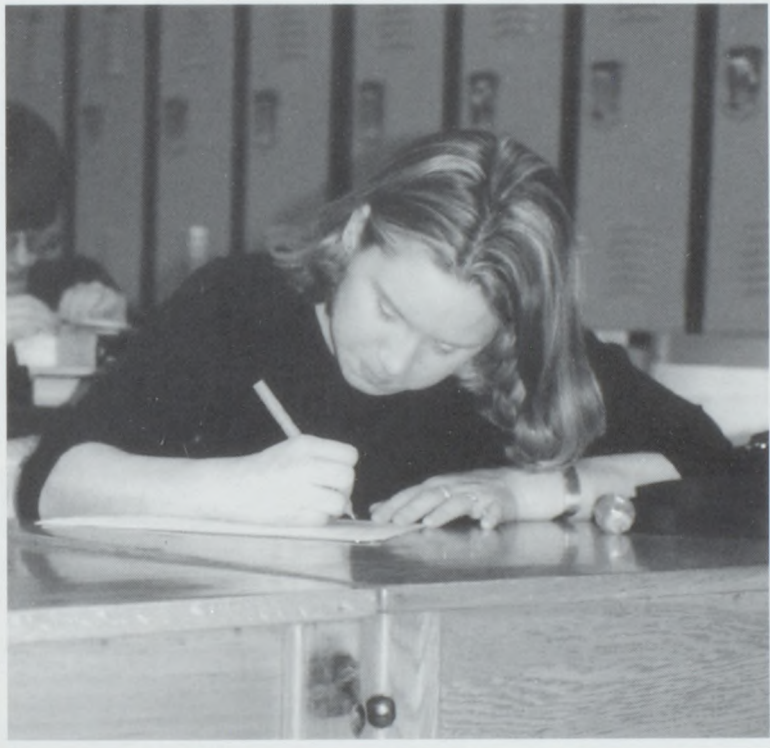


During a drill practice...
freshman Jason Deets and junior
• Davin Boesiger remain standing at
• attention. Drill practices were held
• Thursday mornings and afternoons.
photo by Megan Stetson

Steadying his pellet gun...
senior cadet Mike McLaughlin tries to
aim accurately during target practice
for the rifle club after school. photo by
Julia Serbus

"People are trying to get rid of all rifle clubs. It's really sad. Rifle safety is needed in places like Columbine. People acting badly with killings need it (the rifle club) to look with a more positive light."

• Mike
McLaughlin, '00



Using class time wisely...

freshman Gwen Thomas works hard to get her speech written for her ROTC class. Thomas said, "I enjoy the classroom days because it gives me a chance to build friendships." Some of the things Thomas learned came from taking tests over higher ranks and what they needed to know about the army and the importance of it. photo by Megan Stetson



photo by Megan Stetson

"We (ROTC members) do formation drills. When doing them, I think about trying to call the commands on the right foot and making people do stuff in uniform and together. I also think about trying to stay lined up and I concentrate."

~Sarah Whitten, '02

Why did you join ROTC?

"I was looking for a different type of class. It isn't a regular classroom course. You get out and get active."

... *Robert Shumaker, '01

"I joined ROTC for fun and for a challenge. It's something different. It's most challenging in the classroom when we're taking tests. We take tests about every two weeks."

... *Rvan Derby, '03

"I wanted to be in ROTC to help me get in shape. It's a lot like P.E. and teaches you respect."

... *James Rhoades, '03

"I like the military and you can get a scholarship for \$40,000."

... *Tyler Taylor, '03

"I wanted a new experience to be able to learn about the army."

... *Kyle Maas, '03

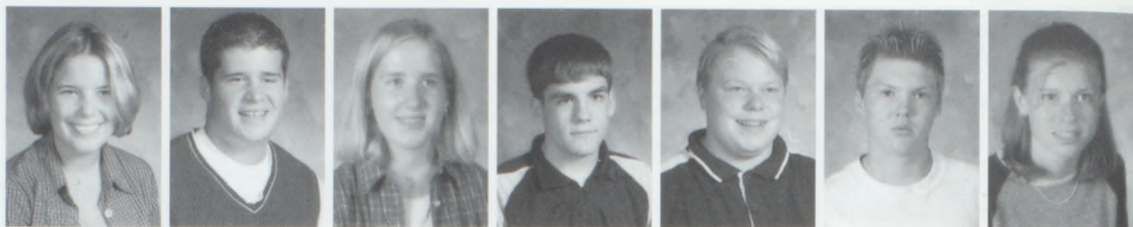
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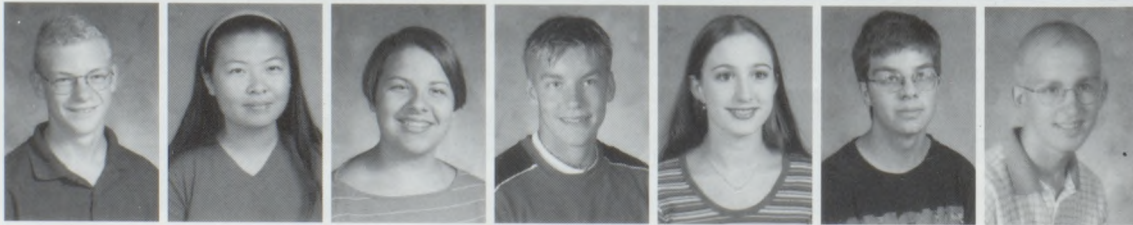
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Serving Time

Students did unusual things to make them receive Detentions, Suspensions and Saturday schools as punishments.

Students did all sorts of things to receive consequences from the school. Some of the most common ways that people received their punishments were for skipping class and for talking during class.

Junior Angela Lee did something a little out of the ordinary to get her detention. "I received a detention from one of my teachers because I started changing my clothes in the middle of class," said Lee.

Freshman Courtney Atchison said, "I brought needle nose pliers to school to fix a necklace for my friend. They considered it a weapon and sent me home which was good because they gave me what I wanted; I got to go home."

Of all the things someone could get in trouble for, those were some of the unusual ways students received punishments. spread by Marissa Stetson



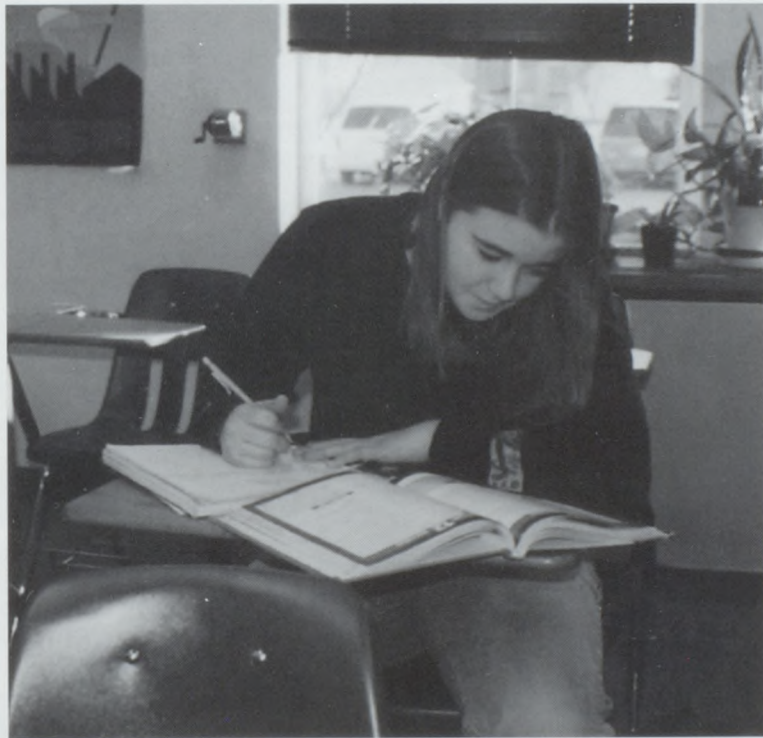
Finishing biology homework...
sophomore Whitney Armstrong sits through Saturday school. Armstrong said, "I got it for skipping first and second period, and it was a waste of time." photo by Marissa Stetson

Writing in her notebook...
senior Alison Bunce serves her 45 minute detention for Mr. Marty Harswick with sophomore Megan O'Donnell. photo by Julia Serbus

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"I received my detention for skipping out of homeroom. I think it was a big waste of time, because I did absolutely nothing the whole time except for when I ate my soup to entertain myself."

• Alison Bunce, '00



While completing her last minute drivers' education homework...
sophomore Ashley Loughran waits out the 30 minutes of her detention that she served for Mrs. Susan McCravy. Loughran got the detention because she didn't go to class one day. "It was a waste of time, but I did get some work done so I guess it wasn't that bad," said Loughran. photo by Marissa Stetson

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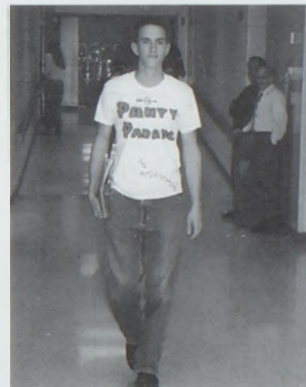


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"Panty Parade was supporting the cross-country members. We wore t-shirts to protest the suspension of the kids for wanting to express their freedom by running in their underwear. I don't see why they had to be singled out."

~David Batchelder, '01

What were your detentions for?

"My friend wanted me to go to her locker with her and it took 20 minutes. I got a detention and it wasn't even my fault, so it was a waste of time."

*** *Megan Woody, '02

"Talking in the middle of class got me a detention for 30 minutes and it was a waste of time because I didn't get to go home and sleep."

*** *Jared Musser, '02

"I'm always 10 minutes late to math. One day I was 90 minutes late. I got a 30 minute detention for it. I deserved it since I've missed so much class."

*** *Ryan Olson, '00

"One of my friends got a detention and I didn't think she deserved one. I said 'if she gets one then I should get one,' so I got a detention."

*** *Debbie Anderson, '02

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Get in the Crowd

Performing live for an audience was a huge focus for many bands. Getting people to go was the second thing they had to work on.

The Johnston band scene was heavily based on live performing. "My favorite band is Horrorshow Hoods. They are really original and there is nothing else like it in Des Moines. Their shows are really tight and they know what they are doing. They are almost professional," said freshman Saeed Tokhi.

Other bands put shows together at people's houses and at venues such as Hairy Mary's. "We played our first and best show as Arachnid at (junior) Brian Dingeman's house. It was around Halloween and the crowd was really responsive. They didn't just stand there, they got into it," said sophomore Mike Sellers.

Quality of the music was just as important as the performing. Junior Chris Black said, "Overall, I think the bands have been improving. There is better music being put out and there is a great variety. The bands have made music that is totally opposite of normal hard rock." *spread by Michelle Collignon*



Jamming on the drums...

- junior Chris Bailey practices for Dirty
- Clothes. Senior John Ferguson played
- guitar and sang lead vocals and
- sophomore Mike Sellers played bass
- and sang. *photo by Michelle Collignon*

Screaming into two microphones...

junior Brian Dingeman performs at junior Kate McLaughlin's house. Dingeman was the lead singer for In Loving Memory. *photo by Michelle Collignon*

...

"To get our lyrics, we usually cut words out of magazines and put them together. Sometimes at practice, we play in our underpants. It sounds better that way, but I don't wear underpants, so I play naked."

• Spencer Williams, '01



Getting the crowd riled up at an Arachnid show...

senior John Ferguson performs in his hardcore band. Ferguson said, "I love performing and getting the crowd involved in my music. That is what is so amazing about the industry. We somewhat formed Arachnid for fun and just for something different. We put the most effort into Dirty Clothes, but I like being in both bands." *photo by Michelle Collignon (Arachnid and Dirty Clothes' pro-photographer)*



photo by Michelle Collignon

"I play the bass guitar for one song in the Whore Moans and I am the lead singer for the rest of the show. I also play the saxophone for the Horrorshow Hoods. I want to spend the rest of my life working in the music industry and playing music."

~Adam Horning, '02

Who is your favorite JHS band?

"Horrorshow Hoods. It's the theatrics of it all."

... *Keith Kimsey, '01

"In Loving Memory because they have good lyrics and they're cool."

... *Lynda Le, '01

"Horrorshow Hoods because they are very musical and have one hell of a stage show."

... *Ben Slattery, '02

"Horrorshow Hoods. They play a lot of shows and their music is good. I also like the Whore Moans."

... *Dan Meyer, '03

"In Loving Memory. My boyfriend (junior Brian Dingeman) is in it and I go to all their shows."

... *Julie Floersch, '01

"Dirty Clothes because I hang out with the band all the time."

... *Bobby Green, '00

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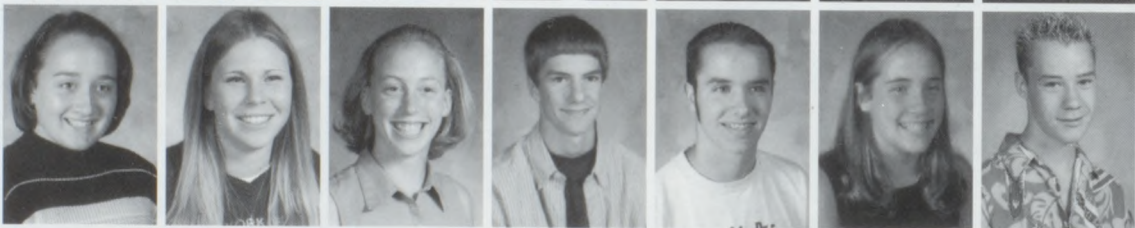
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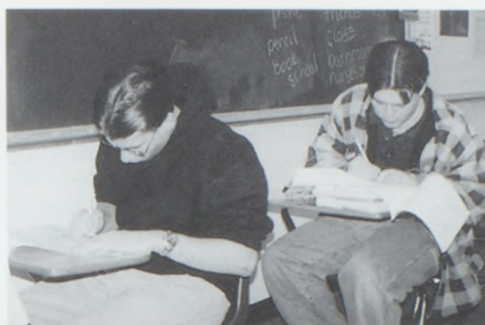
Every Tuesday at 9:28 a.m. students reported to their assigned homerooms to participate in activities and to be informed of school news.

The second year using homeroom increased the amount of controversy in the school. Some questioned its importance in the lives of the students.

Many students complained about the 20 minutes that were spent in classrooms with fellow classmates. "There is not enough time to get anything productive done and we never learn anything new. This could be used as class time," said sophomore Ryan King.

On the other hand, some students used the time effectively. "I'm glad that I know (the information) ahead of time so that I can put it all into my schedule," said freshman Alexis Kucera.

Despite the complaints, homerooms were used to inform the student body of upcoming events, to hand out various sheets of information and to work on group activities. *spread by Sarah Emma Stone*



Voting for Winter Formal attendants...

- seniors Jared Johnson and David Jones browse through the lists and make their final choices during homeroom. *photo by Emma Stone*

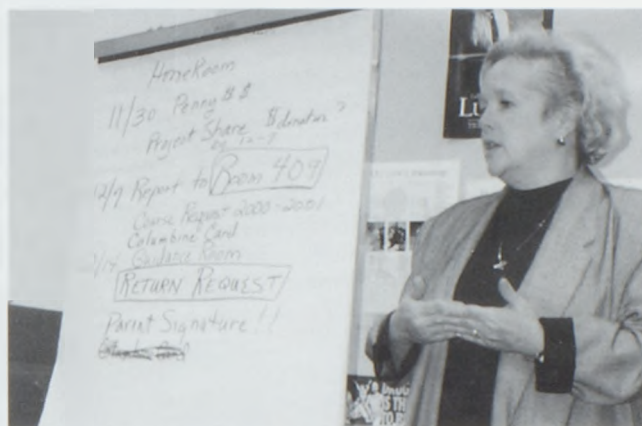
Explaining her outline...

counselor Iris Scott informs her students of what to expect in the next couple of weeks. The outline helped students stay organized. *photo by Marcus Iwig*

...

"I was going over the next few weeks' schedule and the activities that we were going to do. We were discussing the way to choose classes and how class requests affect your college acceptance."

• Mrs. Iris Scott, guidance counselor



Dropping a few quarters into Mr. Keith Lippincott's milk jug...

sophomores Kristin Kirkpatrick and Jamie Lamberti help raise money for Project Share, that was put on by student council. Each homeroom gathered as many pennies as possible. The point of the game was for students to try to put nickles, quarters and dimes in other homeroom's milk jugs, anything that was not a penny was deducted from the rooms' score. *photo by E.S.*



photo by Marcus Iwig

"I think that the time I spend in homeroom is useful. I get updated on the events dealing with student council and the important dates in the the upcoming months. Sometimes when there is time at the end I occasionally do my homework."

~Brady Jacobsen, '00

What would you change?

I would change the attitude of the kids. Cooperation would help."

*Jacob Bottoms, '01

"Homeroom should not be as often, but instead every two weeks."

*Brice Pullen, '02

"It should be managed better. We could have it every other week or we could make it longer."

*Ann Miller, '01

"I don't like the touchy-feely emotional junk that we shared. They try too hard to be my friend."

*Molly Ehm, '02

"I would have the important dates printed and handed out to kids."

*Anna Hall, '00

"I would make it a study hall and have a little time for the homeroom stuff."

*Ben Johns, '03

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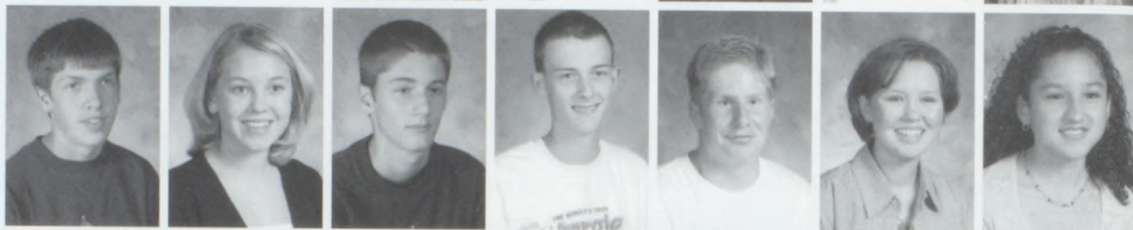


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 Mary Winzenburg
 Kent Wisecup
 Megan Woody
 Ming Wu
 Nathan Wylie
 Amanda Yeggy



Josh Zamzow
 Erin Zirkelbach



Stayin' Around

Students hung out before and after school to get things to eat in the cafeteria, receive help with school work and talk to friends.

Although there were 35 hours of school each week, some students chose to spend more time in the building.

Freshman Allie Smith said she spent her mornings in the journalism room. "I work in the journalism lab before school. Journalism is a hard class and takes extra time," said Smith.

Many students participated in sports and hung around for practice after school. Senior Andy Paine said, "I stay after school for basketball practice. It's a lot of work."

Besides sports, students had other extracurricular activities to do. Sophomore Laura Stradley said she had cheerleading everyday after school. "We work hard to perfect our cheers, stunts and jumps," said Stradley.

No matter what students did outside of school, those who stayed around thought that spending extra time at school was worth it. *spread by Adam Horning*



Pumping Iron...

- sophomore Kent Wisecup performs
- a bench press. "I go weightlifting
- after school because I play football.
- It helps me become stronger," said Wisecup. *photo by Adam Horning*

Sitting In the student commons...

freshmen Hailey Cahill, Audrey Tucker, Kelsey Van Essen and Jessica Kiesling talk about the ensuing cheerleading practice. *photo by A.H. ●●●*

"After school I do not have cheerleading practice until 3:30. My friends and I sit around and talk until it's time for practice. It's a good chance to relax and catch up on all of the latest gossip."

• Hailey Cahill, '03



Flying above the concrete....

sophomore Tim Rhoads performs a 180° kickflip on his skateboard. "After school I go skateboard because its fun. It's cool learning new tricks and when you learn them you get a sense of accomplishment. Other people go play football or watch TV. That is just their method of fun, skateboarding is mine," said Rhoads. *photo by Adam Horning*



photo by Adam Horning

"I try to work on homework after school in the student commons because there are usually kids from my classes around to help me. My grades are important to me because they're going to have a huge effect on my future and where I can go with life."

~Kate Rydberg, '02

What do you do outside of school?

"I go to the cafeteria before school to eat breakfast. Ho Hos are the best for breakfast because the creme filling is very nutritious."

... *Mike Stange, '03

"After school I'm usually in the photo art room developing photos. Photo developing is a lengthy process and requires time and patience."

... *Aaron Holmaren, '03

"I work on my basketball skills. It's a lot of hard work, but it all pays off in the end."

... *Chelcie Goedken, '02

"I talk in the commons. It's good to get away from all of my school work."

... *Mike Yeoman, '00

"I never stay beyond school hours because school is depressing."

... *John Quick, '01

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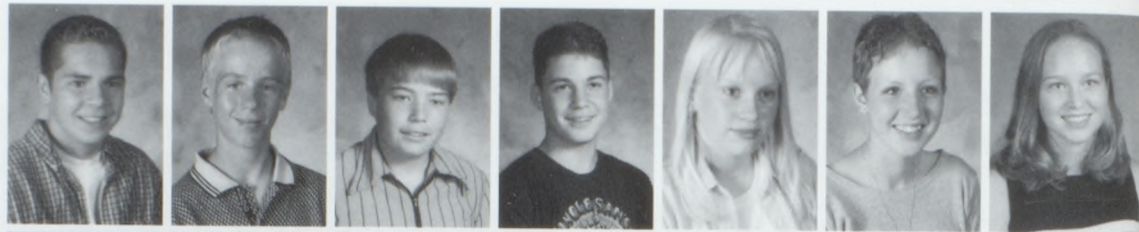
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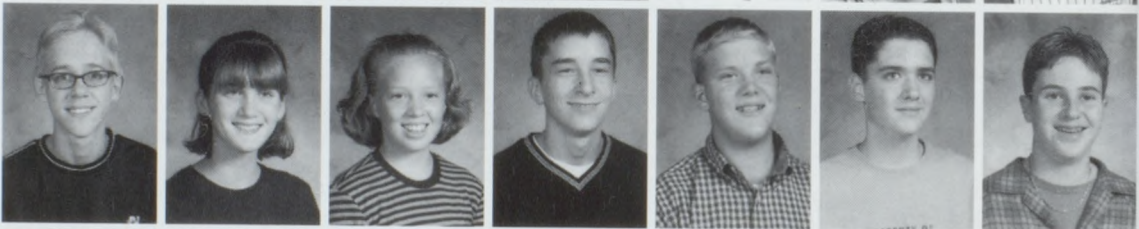
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Renee Bowers
Brett Brindley



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Brent Burklund
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Marc Cabrera
Hailey Cahill
Matthew Campbell
Sarah Carlson
Mike Carmichael
Gabriel Carnes



Michael Carnes
Katie Carter
Kayla Casey
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Paul Casto
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The New Wave

The school year brought new fashions with a sharp edge. It gave students a new variety and a little change.

Walking down the halls, people might have noticed that many students were wearing fleece vests. A lot of stores had the new fashion trend on display to purchase. The vests could be purchased at Old Navy, Rue 21, American Eagle and other stores as well.

Different people liked them for different reasons. Sophomore Courtney Douglas said, "I like them because they look comfy and soft. I also like how people look nice in them."

Freshman Grace Schoper liked them for another reason. Schoper said, "I think fleece vests are nice because they come in different colors and can change the way any outfit looks."

Not everyone liked the vests though. Freshman Tyler Scott said, "I just don't like them because I don't wear vests."

Regardless of how students felt about fleece vests, it was one of many popular trends. *spread by Jessica Madole*



Freshman Rachel Mullen...
wears her trendy shoes. "They were a nine-and-a-half and I wear an eight. I bought them anyway because they were cheap and they didn't look that bad," said Mullen *photo by J. Madole*

Writing in her senior memory book...
senior Alysha Orris shows her leopard collection. Leopard was one of the prints students started wearing. *photo by Michelle Collignon*

"I like my leopard outfits because they attract more attention to myself. It shows the latest trend and it makes me feel unique. My favorite leopard thing is my pillow because I got it from a good friend."

• Alysha Orris, '00



Reading over a paper during homeroom...

junior Nathan Gerger sports a blue tech vest. The new tech vests were added to many outfits. Some students wore tech vests to keep warmer during the winter and others wore them just because they looked trendy. "I bought it because it was warm and I wear it when I go snowboarding," said Gerger. *photo by Jessica Madole*



photo by Jessica Madole

"I like my fleece vest because it is yellow. I got it for my birthday from Old Navy. I think they will stay around until they fade and then they will come back later like other stuff. I also like karma beads. Someone gave them to me as a present."

~Aimee Kempf, '02

What is your favorite new trend?

"Cargo pants are cool because they are comfortable and you can hold a lot of stuff in them."

... *Brent Burklund, '03

"New clothes from American Eagle because they are comfortable and look nice."

... *Tyler Cate, '02

"The new teen movies like *She's All That*."

... *Kassy Bougher, '03

"*Dreamcast* because of the graphics and sound."

... *Jeremiah Davis, '01

"My purple and blue mascara because it's not boring like black mascara. It adds color to your eyes."

... *Katie Larson, '02

"Zebra print because it's neat and not many people have it."

... *Lynda Le, '01



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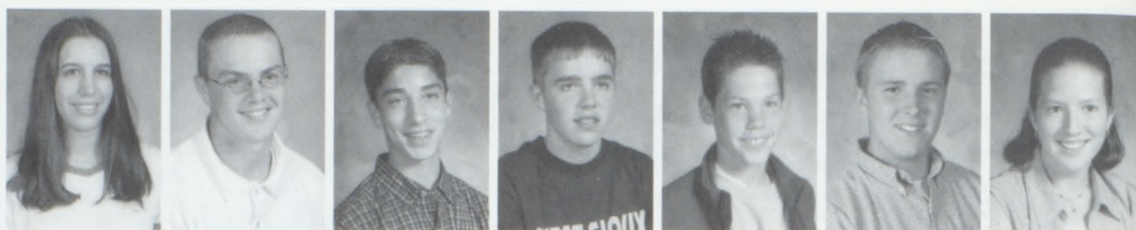
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Stick 'em Up

Some students decorated their lockers and bedrooms with pictures of celebrities, movie stars and friends.

Walking down the hallways, one could see numerous magazine cut-outs of celebrities and personal pictures plastered to the insides of many students' lockers.

"I put men in my locker because I would rather look at men instead of a blue locker door. When I'm in a bad mood I can go to my locker and look at Josh Hartnett's face," said sophomore Natalie Baltzley. Baltzley also bordered her room with milk ads and Des Moines Buccaneers players.

Posters of Jenny McCarthy and Pamela Anderson Lee have been up in senior Jesse Robertson's bedroom for three years. "My dad likes the posters and my mom says 'at least they aren't naked.' They are my idols," said Robertson.

Students' decorations were reminders of the fun times, inside jokes and celebrity obsessions shared between friends. *spread by Amy Dennis*



Straightening her cut-out...

- sophomore Erika Devine secures her
- Chip and Dale's model to her locker.
- "I also put up pictures of my friends acting weird because it's funny," said Devine. *photo by Amy Dennis*

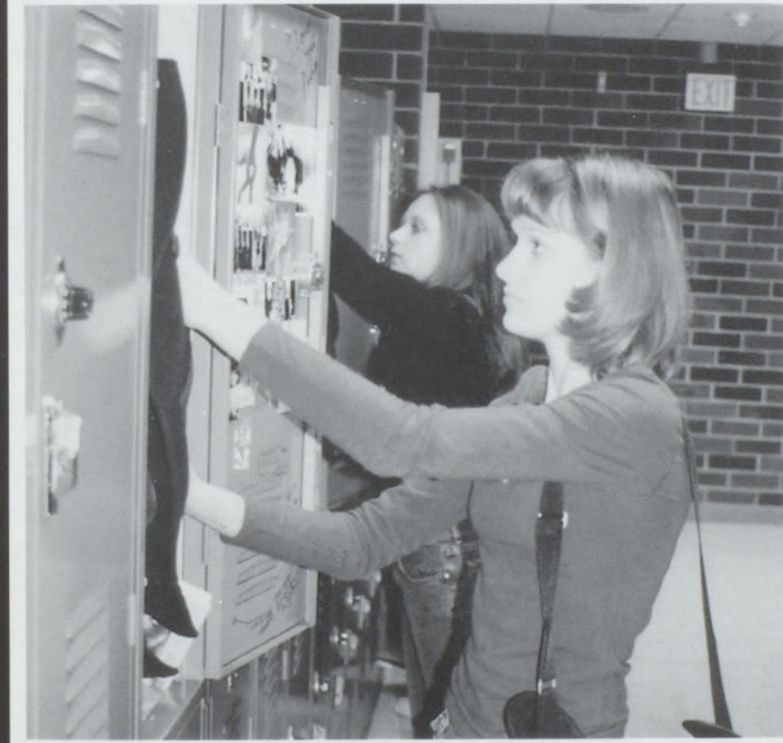
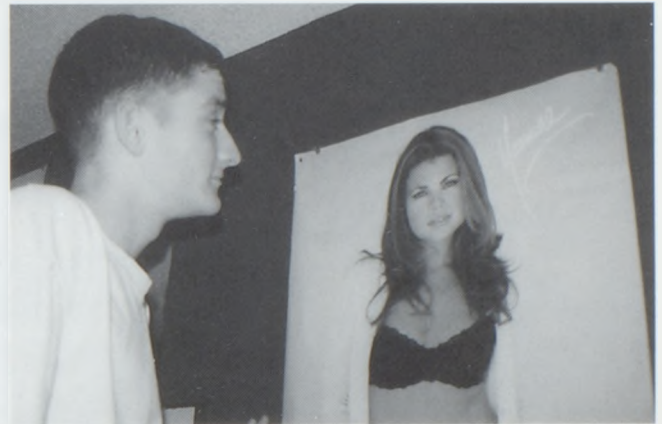
Standing in his bedroom...

sophomore Sam Musser looks at his poster of Yasmine Bleeth. She was put up on his wall a year ago, along with Carmen Electra. *photo by Amy Dennis*

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"I put up the posters because my room is blah without them and my friends like them. When my sister went to college, I moved in and I put them up soon after. I get all my posters at Spencer's."

• Sam Musser, '02



Getting books out of her locker...

freshman Jenny Hannan gets ready to head to her first hour class. Hannan was given one of the new lockers in the hallway near the student commons. "(Freshman) Abbi Wiemers and I put pictures of friends and monkeys in our locker because monkeys are our favorite animals," said Hannan. *photo by Michelle Collignon*

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photo by Amy Dennis

"I mostly hang up pictures of my friends and other crazy things like warning signs and stop signs that remind me of fun times and inside jokes between my friends. The pictures make me laugh whenever I think about what we were doing."

~Bethany Ottley, '03

Who is your favorite celebrity?

"I like Adam Sandler because he is funny, he makes me laugh, he is a good role model and he makes a good drunk. My favorite movie that he played in is *Happy Gilmore*."

... *David Remer, '02

"I like Jennifer Love Hewitt because she is a good actress. Plus, she's a hottie."

... *Danny Norton, '02

"Bob Marley because his message was universal and educational, but yet still enjoyable. He set an example for the world."

... *Kate Slusark, '01

"I like Julia Roberts because she is a good actress and I like all of her movies. *Pretty Woman* and *Notting Hill* are my favorites. I first noticed her about five years ago."

... *Eileen Leslie, '00

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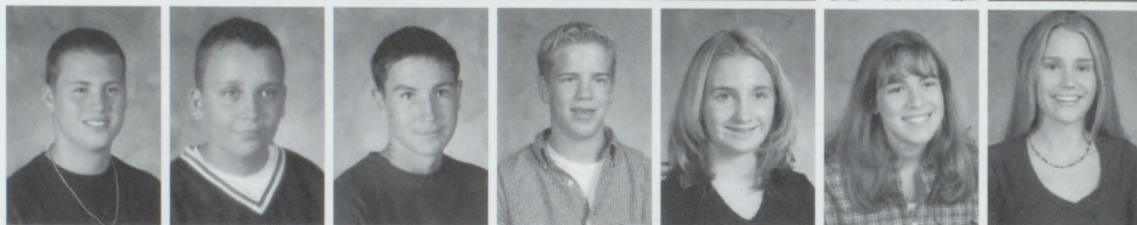
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Selective Dieting

For various reasons, some students chose to include only certain foods in their meals while refusing to eat others.

Many students strayed away from stereotypical meals and changed their food choices.

Some people, such as junior Amber Gillotti, became vegetarians. Gillotti, who turned vegetarian when she was a freshman, said, "I don't like meat. If I liked it, I would eat it. My sister is also a vegetarian and I think it's a healthy way to live."

Vegans are similar to vegetarians in that they don't eat meat. However, vegans eat nothing from animals, including dairy products. Explaining other differences, sophomore Adam Horning, a vegan, said, "Vegans rid themselves of all animal suffering. They don't wear clothing made of animal products. Some don't support companies that do animal testing."

Becoming vegans and vegetarians were just two of the ways students were more aware of healthy diets and animal welfare. spread by Megan Stetson



While making cookies...

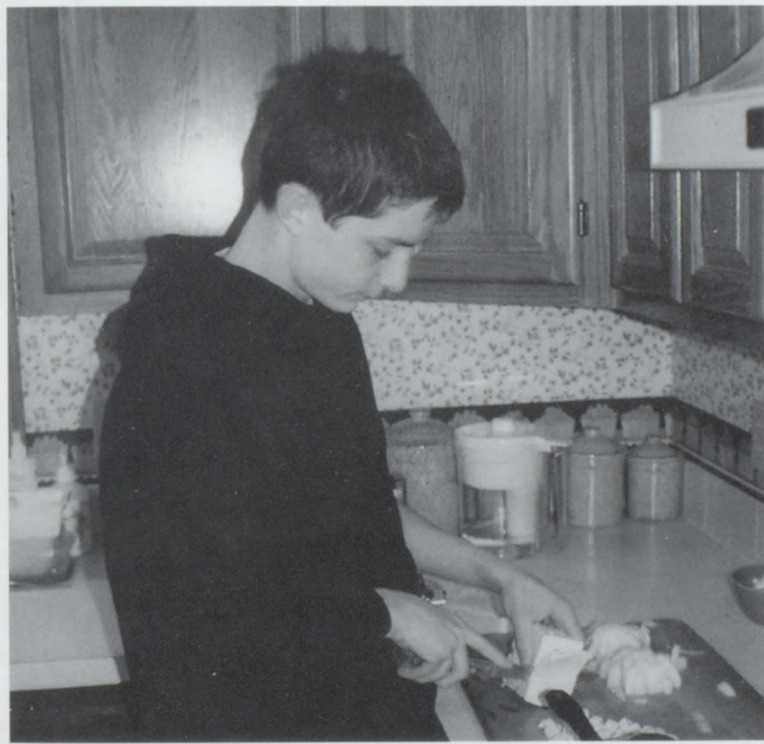
freshman Leslie Rittierodt spoon-feeds freshman EB Rottenberg. The girls got together often to make cookies with funfetti cake mix. photo by Megan Stetson

At Dairy Queen, senior Jackie Hulsman... tries to keep her frozen hot chocolate in her mouth while laughing as senior Jaime McMillen watches and eats her hamburger. photo by M. Collignon

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"Some friends and I go to lunch every other day. We've only been to Dairy Queen, Subway, Burger King and Wendy's since we don't have time to go further. Jackie Hulsman (sr.) tries to race me back, but I always win."

• Jaime McMillen, '00



Sophomore Ben Slattery dices tofu...

for dinner. Slattery and sophomore Adam Horning were the only vegans at school. Slattery said, "I think it scares people away because it sets us apart from things people are use to. I can't even eat ice cream. I know a lot of people with the same beliefs. They're just not willing to go that far. It's awesome to have two people that feel strongly enough about it." photo by Michelle Collignon



photo by Megan Stetson

"I've eaten pizza for lunch at school every day this year. I just don't like the other food choices and don't know where the real lunch is. The pizza is pretty good every day, except on Tuesdays when the cheese looks like plastic."

~Zach Webster, '03

Where do you go for lunch?

"I go to Breadeaux Pizza because of the lunch buffet. I also go there for their dessert pizza."

***Derrick Pundt, '00

"Well, since I can't drive yet, I usually just eat at the school or my mom (choir director Jodell White) takes me somewhere before she goes back to the school for her meetings."

***Jonna White, '03

"I like going to Grand China Buffet because they have a variety of different healthy foods and you can eat as much as you want."

***Kris Campbell, '01

"Applebee's because it is good food. They have really good bacon cheeseburgers and usually there is good service, too."

***Karena Shivers, '02



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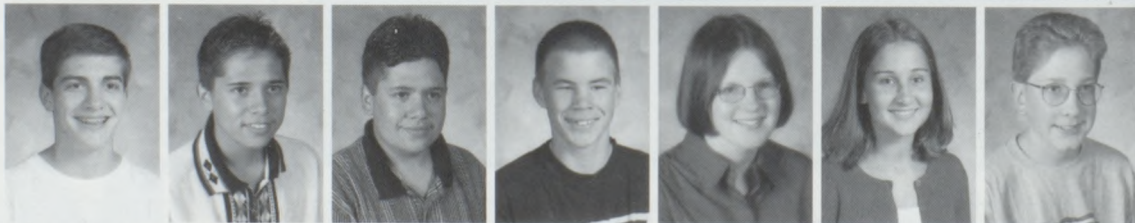
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Driving in Style

With an overflow of cars pouring into the parking lot, Students had to find a way to stand out from the crowd.

The office issued 173 new parking tags. With all the new drivers, plus the old ones, the parking lot was packed full. To make the process of finding one's car after school a bit easier, many students decorated their cars.

A simple way to personalize a car was to add stickers or decals to it, like senior Jason Olson. "I must admit, if I find a clever sticker, I will add it to my bumper. They reflect my personality," said Olson.

Cars were not only unique on the outside, students also made them one-of-a-kind on the inside. Junior Cory Curtis installed his own stereo system in his van. "I found that doing it myself saved a lot of money," said Curtis.

With all the additions to their cars, students found ways to make driving just a little bit more interesting. *spread by Rooban Vanderkwaak*



Insuring a proper connection...
senior Blake Brown makes sure his stereo system is operating correctly.
• "If something were to short circuit, I would be in trouble," said Brown.
photo by Reubin Vanderkwaak

Checking out the damage...
junior Meredith Avaux attempts to estimate a repair cost. The accident left Avaux without a car for three days.
photo by Ruban Vanderkwaak

"This guy hit me and it dented in the front of my car. My parents decided to get just the headlight replaced because it's just a high school car. Now there is this huge hole in the front corner of my car."
• Meredith Avaux, '01



Wearing his cowboy hat and rock star glasses...
junior Brian Dingeman displays his driving attitude. With glow-in-the-dark stars on his roof, stapled trim around his windows and many band stickers on the back of his car, Dingeman personalized his station wagon. "When I lay in my back seat, I feel like making love to myself," said Dingeman. Other decorations included a human skull on his dashboard. *photo by Rubin Vanderkwaak*



"Whenever I go to a show, I always buy the stickers of the bands that I like. When I got my car, I put them on the windows and they just started piling up. Now I'm almost out of room. I hope I don't get pulled over for having blocked windows."
~Chris Bailey, '00

photo by Ruben Vanderkwaak

How did you acquire your auto?

"My parents bought a car for me when I got my license last year. I have to pay for gas, but they pay for insurance."

... *Liz Roberts, '02

"My dad got a new car for his work a couple years ago. We were going to sell his old one, but he ended up just giving it to me when I turned 16."

... *Andrea Ranker, '00

"I had to look long and hard to find a car that I like and that I could afford. In the end, my parents and I split the cost, and I have to pay insurance."

... *Josh Schonhorst, '01

"I don't have a car of my own yet. My family lets me use a car if it's available at the time. I'm saving up to get my own car in the future."

... *Marcy Green, '01

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Election Assistance

One government teacher offered students a chance to put in service hours at campaign headquarters in order to receive extra credit.

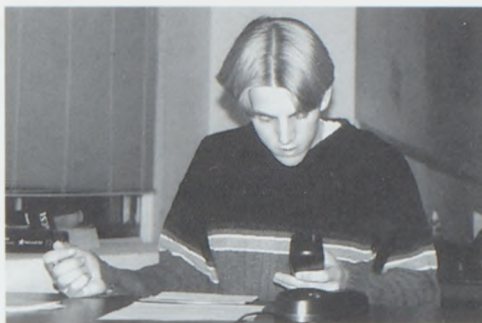
By doing at least ten hours of volunteer work, students could earn extra credit for Mr. Jay Shackett's government class. Eighty-four students participated in the activity.

Shackett felt lucky to live in Iowa during this time. He said, "We live in one of the most focused-upon states when it comes to presidential politics."

Senior Nichole Lloyd was glad she got the opportunity to volunteer. Lloyd said, "I thought it was fun and it was an experience that a lot of people don't get to do."

Some disagreed with Lloyd. Senior Adam Twedt said, "I worked for (VP) Al Gore. I called on the phone and arranged envelopes. It was boring though and I didn't enjoy it at all."

Whether the volunteer work was enjoyed or not, it was something different for the government classes to participate in. spread by Megan Stetson



Making a phone call...

senior Joe Darr helps at the George W. Bush campaign. Darr began at Elizabeth Dole's campaign and switched when Dole dropped out of the race. photo by C. Howard

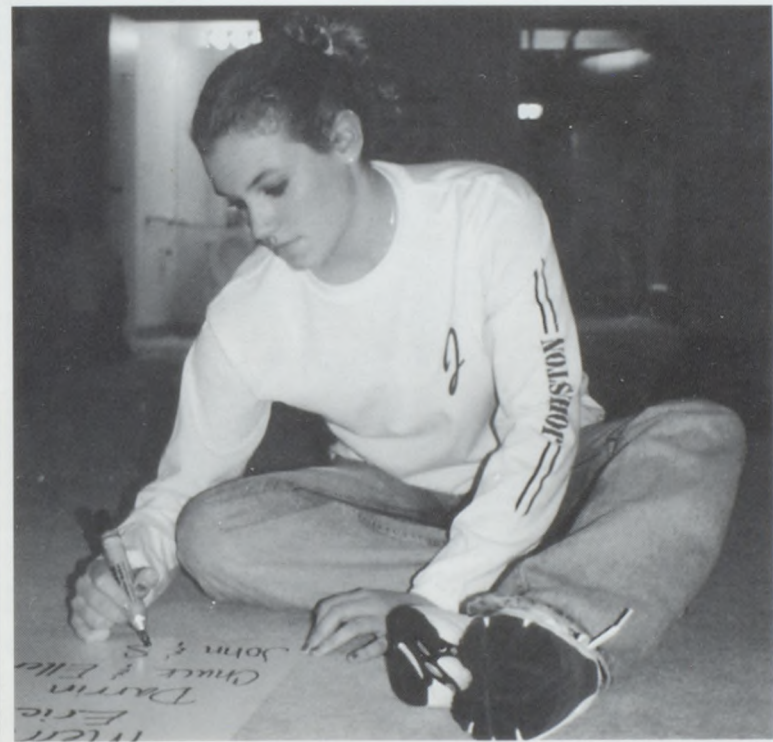
Dining with Vice President Al Gore...

junior Girija Mahajan attends the Jefferson Jackson dinner. Mahajan interned at the Gore campaign. photo by Pramod Mahajan

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"It was interesting how Al Gore and Bill Bradley came to Des Moines for a debate and I was lucky enough to be able to attend. I got to go because (senior) Genevieve Ramsay had an extra ticket for me to use."

• Jason Kohles, '00



Senior Chelsea Hughes finishes a poster at the George W. Bush campaign headquarters... the day before the Republican rally and debate. Hughes said, "It was a lot of fun and during the process we got to know what actually went on during debates. Another time, (Deputy Director of Coalitions) Andrew Dorr made us lick about 100 envelopes and then he told us we could have used the dabber thing instead." photo by Michelle Collignon



photo by Megan Stetson

"I was running around acting crazy to get people excited during the rally (for George W. Bush). This was before the Republican debate (at the Civic Center.) I went to finish up the remaining hours that I had left for extra credit for Government."

~Jeremy Van Oort, '00

What campaign did you work at and what did you do?

"I worked at Bush and I made phone calls and put postage stamps on envelopes."

... *Jeff French, '00

"I stuffed envelopes and talked on the phones at Bush. I don't think I got the full benefit since all I did was talk on the phones."

... *Emily Jamison, '00

"At Bauer I stuffed envelopes and one time I went around and put posters up about an event that he was going to be at."

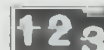
... *Vicki Holmertz, '00

"I worked at Bauer. We stuffed envelopes and one time we had to pass out flyers."

... *Canyon Atwood, '00



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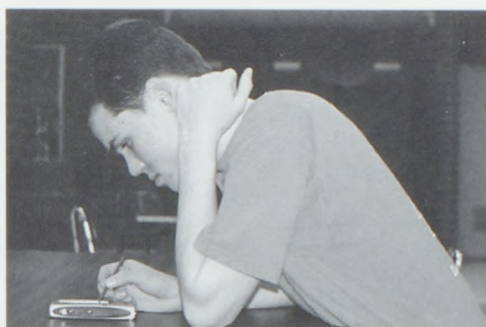
Compact Multimedia

The use of Digital Video Disc players as a new way to experience movies began to replace the VHS players of the past.

As the cost of DVD players dropped, digital movies became mainstream in home entertainment and more people began to experience digital video. "DVD players are going down in price and it's allowing a lot more people to buy them," said sophomore Lizzie Meyer.

DVD's have been seen as a successor to regular video cassette tapes through their additional featurettes and digital enhancements. "You never have to fast-forward or rewind them," said junior Ryan Jameson. "They never get caught in the player like a tape might and the overall sound and picture quality is better."

Though advanced in features and quality, discs were not indestructible. Freshman Brian Haroldson said, "If the disc gets scratched at all, they might skip during parts of the movie." spread by Matthew Ring and Adam Horning



Reviewing his homework schedule...

senior Aaron Knowles makes use of his Philips™ Nino. Knowles used his Nino mostly to help him keep track of his assignments. photo by Matthew J. Ring

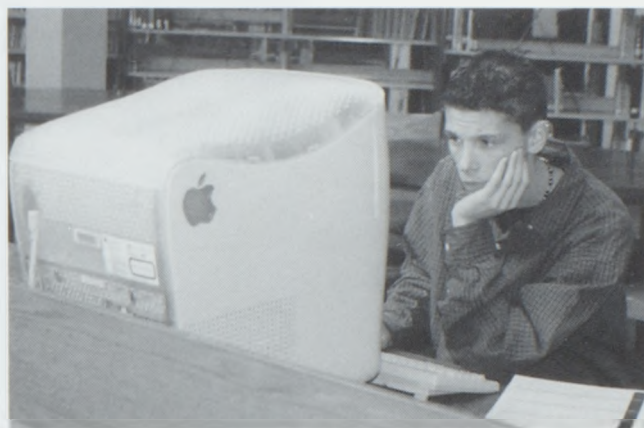
Working on a computer in the LMC...

junior Bryan Davis types up an assignment for his U.S. History class. "Teachers like typed reports better than written," said Davis. photo by M. Ring

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"I went on the internet to find info on Paul McCartney for U.S. History with Mrs. (Susan) McCravy. There was a lot of information out there on him. I had to go to a few sites before I found what I needed."

• Bryan Davis, '01



Clocking himself in for work at Bennigan's Grille and Tavern...

junior Ryan Burford uses the computer touch-screen to enter his employee number. "Our time clock is computerized, so I can get the exact number of hours I worked and my paychecks are always accurate," said Burford. "We also use computers to take the customer's order." photo by Adam Horning

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photo by Matthew J. Ring

"I got a cell phone from my mom for safety in the car. She said it would help me out if I got into an accident or if the car ever broke down while driving. I ended up using it just to talk to friends and to help make plans for the coming weekend."

~Ted Brenton, '02

What technology do you use?

"I use cell phones because they are very convenient."

... *Katie Hannan, '02

"I use my pager to keep in touch with people. It makes it easier for people to get ahold of me."

... *Chris Castellano, '01

"I use computers at work. They do the math for me, so it makes it easier."

... *Randy Palmer, '00

"My family replaced our VHS player with a DVD player. It's easier because the discs are smaller. The slow motion allows you to watch it frame-by-frame and it's crystal clear."

... *Savannah Holder, '03

"I use the computer to talk to my friends. It's easy and I can talk to more than one person at once."

... *Ashley Decker, '03

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Acquiring Teachers

Seventeen new staff members were hired, but four had to pair up and share classrooms because not enough space was available.



Discussing with each other...

assistant principal Steve Schlatter, principal Bruce Hukee and tech instructor Ralph Young guard the cafeteria doors during lunch. *photo by Sarah Kesse*

While subbing for the band teachers...

vocal teacher Brenton Brown jokes with a group of students, including freshman Katie Hull and sophomore Danielle Beery. *photo by Sarah Kesse*

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"I'm always willing to sub in for other teachers, but a lot of the time I can't help much. I don't mind filling in (for band teachers). I had no real responsibility the time I did sub, but directing the band would be fun."

•Mr. Brenton Brown, vocal

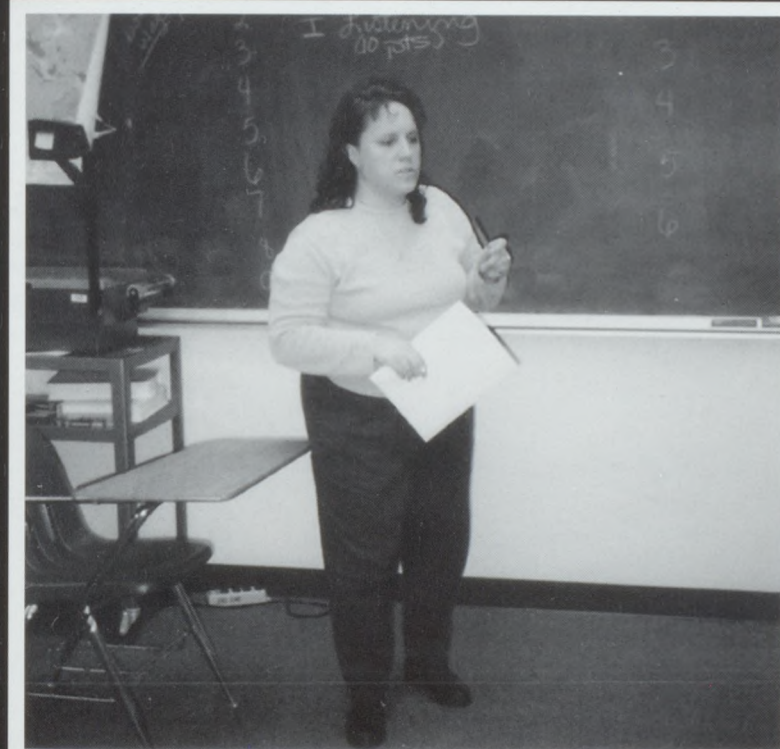


So many new teachers came to the high school that it was hard to know them all. "I don't know most of them, but I like the ones I know," said Spanish instructor Joyce Rash.

The 17 new faculty members ranged from having no teaching experience to having taught at the college level. Math teacher Rich Gradoville use to teach at Dowling High School. "I could combine some of my goals for teaching and coaching," said Gradoville in response as to why he applied at Johnston.

The growth in staff numbers caused a shortage of classrooms. "It's distracting for students to have another teacher in the room and it's hard for a teacher to not have a grounding in a room," said English teacher Amy Lane.

As the school continued to grow, space was more of an issue. "Additional space is being addressed and will be done in the future," said Mrs. Crystal Hayes. *spread by S. Kesse*



Standing in front of her fifth period class...

Mrs. Dawn Pilon reviews what is going to be on a test for the Spanish II students. "(I became a teacher because) I remembered only a few of my high school teachers and wanted to try to affect young people's lives. I like the hours I can spend with my son and I guess I feel more in touch with the young person in me when I interact with teens," said Pilon. *photo by Sarah Kesse*

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photo by Sarah Kesse

"I usually bring my own lunch. My favorite thing is pizza. I also have McDonald's. When I get McDonald's, I get it and bring it back to the room. This way, if I'm not done eating, I can stop eating and start teaching my class."

~Mrs. Crystal Hayes, history

Why did you come to JHS?

"At St. Pius and Urbandale High School, all band programs were outside of school, and here it is a subject."

*Mrs. Joann Tubbs, band

"There was an opening and I knew that the district would be a good place to begin my career. I feel very safe here and I enjoy the atmosphere of the school."

*Mr. Tim Brickley, business

"I was teaching at the college level and I wanted to teach at the high school level."

*Mrs. Jackie Sapp, health

"I wanted to experience the 4A level and my wife works at Beaver Creek."

*Mr. Mark McDermott, math

"They had a position I was qualified for and I like the positive atmosphere."

*Mr. Jav Shackett, gov't

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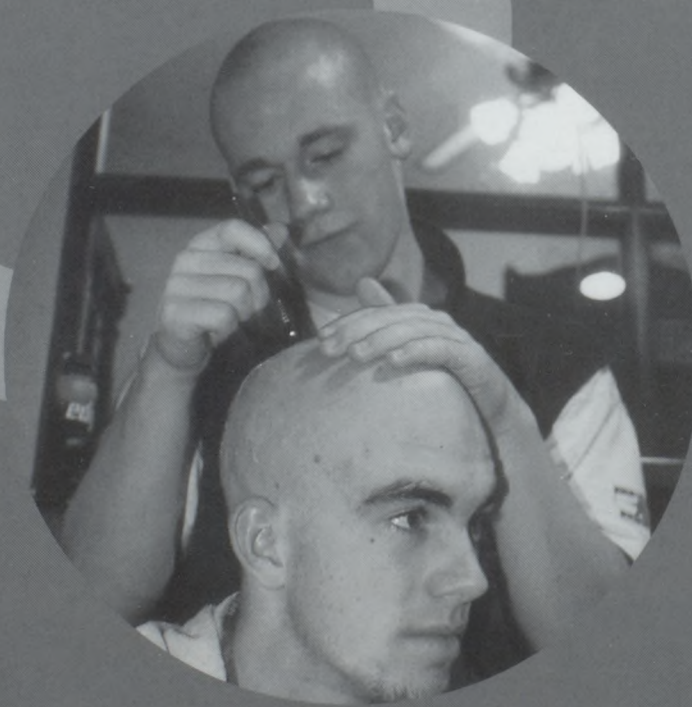
Division

S-Z

Trying not to draw blood...

senior Eric Fritz gently glides a razor over senior Jason Kohles' scalp trying to eliminate any left-over stubble. "Every year the swimmers that go to districts shave their heads. It is more for tradition than anything else but removing the hair does reduce friction that water can cause in the pool, which makes you swim slower," said Kohles. *photo by Marcus Iwig*

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Grinning with happiness...

freshman Kelsey Van Essen receives an embrace from a friend at the Leadership Retreat after giving up a part of her "warm fuzzy." This sharing of the yarn helped to kick off the retreat by bringing students together. "It may seem dumb giving each other a useless piece of string but it just tells people that you care about their friendship," said Van Essen. *photo by Jessica Madole*

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Waiting for a sign...

to decide if she should run or not, junior Valerie Lewis hesitates on first base. "Softball was really hard work. At practice we had to learn lots of ways to improve how we play and get a lot of help from our coaches. Even though it was tough, it was a good way to stay in shape and it makes you feel good to belong to a team, plus it's just really fun," said Lewis. *photo by Megan Stetson*

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Many activities were the same from previous years, but leaders also

Wrap Up

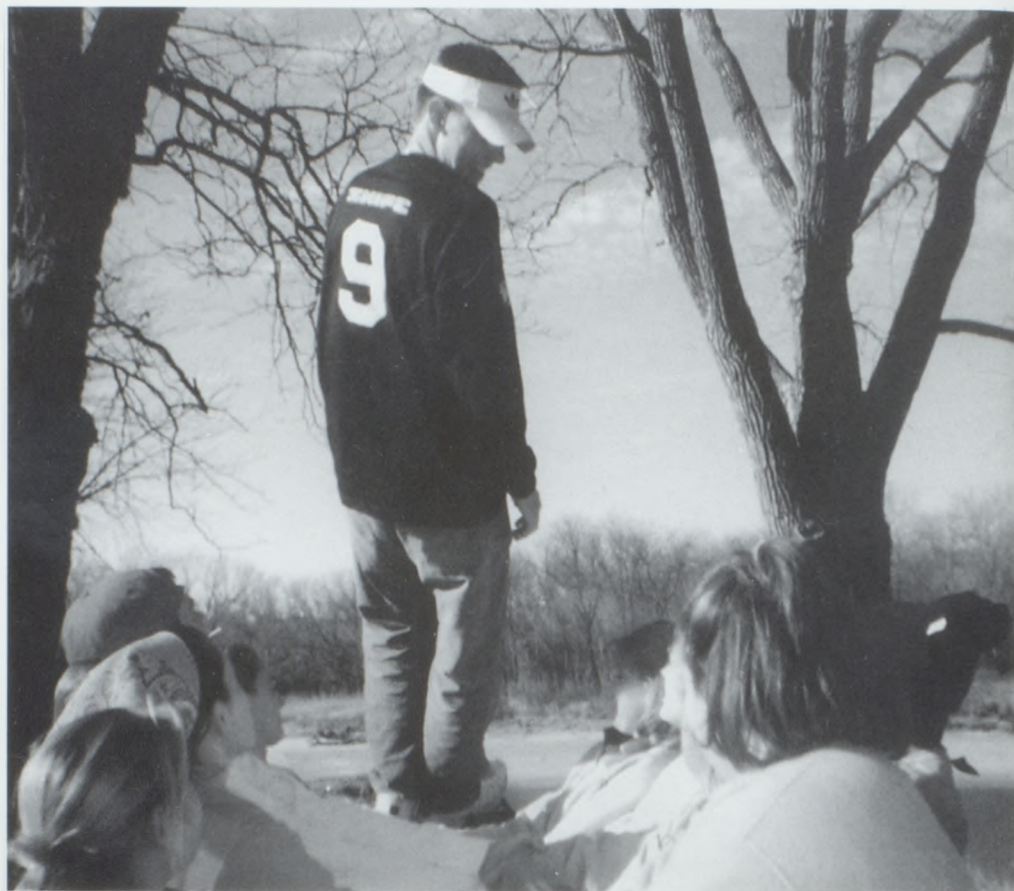
On Oct. 13, S.A.I.L. leaders led bowling teams in the Bowl for Gold to raise money for the Special Olympics. It was held at Ankeny Lanes. Each team, made up of five students, had to raise a minimum of \$25 to participate.

On Nov. 4, 247 students and 15 chaperones boarded six Johnston buses and headed for the Boone Y-Camp. The cost was \$60 per person. This included three days packed with activities, food and small group time.

The leaders were in charge of organizing most of the Leadership Retreat events. The activities included small group discussions, exchanging warm fuzzies, skits, speakers and a candle-light ceremony to end the weekend.

Each small group was required to complete a service project in order to go on the retreat the following year. The group project needed to benefit either the surrounding community or the school district in some way.

spread by Sarah Sauber



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**Spraying silly string and throwing
oreos into the crowd...**

junior Lisette Cabrera, sophomore Eric Chancellor and junior Andy Ryerson finish thier skit. Their group performed a dance to the song "The White Stuff" by Wierd Al Yankovic. "(Junior) Heather Clarkson and I wanted to do something fun and clean. We thought that this would be something different, that everyone in the group would be able to be equally involved in," said Cabrera.

photo by Jessica Madole



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Eating Skittles...

junior Maggie Nelson and sophomore John Ramsay listen to thier group tell about themselves. In most small groups the leaders gave each member either Skittles or M & M's. For each piece of candy you had to share a fact about themselves. This activity was used as an ice breaker. photo by Jessica Madole

went out into the community and got involved in volunteer work.

Falling into the arms of his group members...

sophomore Tyler Weisz looks before he lands. Most groups did a trust fall. One person fell from a high place while other group members linked arms to catch the person. photo by Amy Dennis

Working on the bag of good feelings...

junior Amanda Touch writes a short note to a friend. In this activity each person had a small brown bag and wrote to their friends and classmates about how much they were appreciated. photo by Jessie Madole

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... Kam Kielhorn, freshman ...

"(Leadership) is a good experience because you get to be with your friends and you learn a lot about leadership. It's a good chance to meet a lot of upperclassmen."



... Abby DeWitt, sophomore ...

"During leadership you are put in a group with other people who you can get to know better. You do lots of fun skits and activities. It's a good thing for everyone to try at least one time."



... Alysha Orris, senior ...

"I really enjoyed leadership. It was my first time going and it really helped me to get to know some new people. The best part to me was small groups. I learned a lot about people I wouldn't normally talk to."

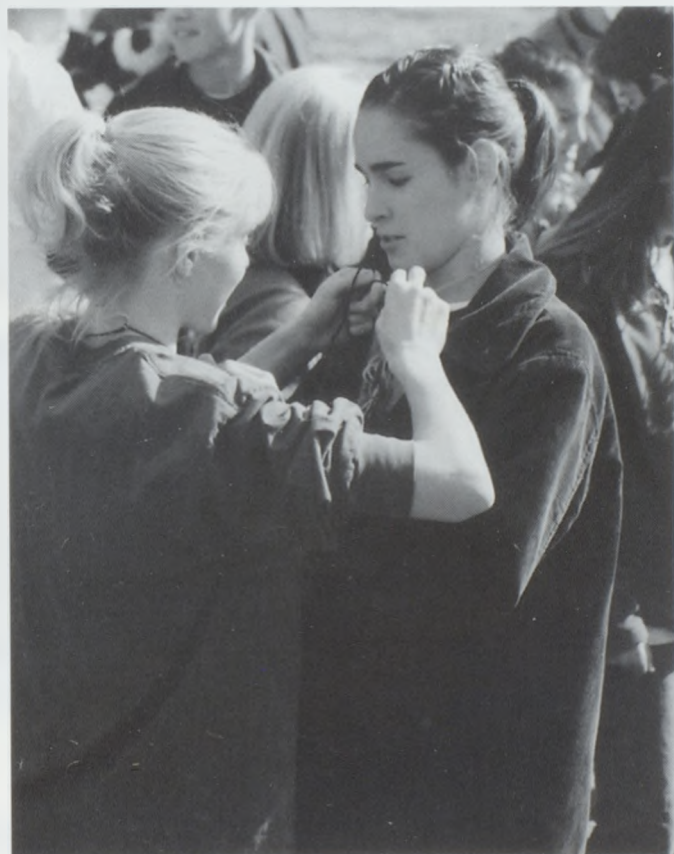


photo by Jessica Madole
also pictured Katie Hannan, Ben Flannery, Phillip Klugman

"My group couldn't decide on a skit to perform the last night. The night before the skits (senior) Ben (Flannery) thought we should do a jumping off of a bridge skit and have us be famous people because a group did it his freshman year. Our group decided on it because we didn't have anything better to do."

Tiffany Shelby, '01

Giving each other compliments...

freshmen Stacey Johnson and Erin Hardy exchange warm fuzzies. Wearing balls of yarn and tying pieces of string on each other was a tradition of Leadership Retreat called warm fuzzies. This act enabled one to tell a friend or a classmate how they felt about them. This activity was done soon after students arrived at the Y-Camp. It was designed to make everyone feel welcome and build self-esteem. photo by J. Madole


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Organizations

A Closer Look

Science classes began utilizing the new technology available to provide an extensive learning environment for students.

The use of the school's technological ability was increased as science students were able to control an electron microscope at ISU from computers in the school. "We can now conduct experiments and labs involving the microscope directly from the classroom instead of just looking at results from previous experiments," said Mr. Terry Frisch.

Students in General Chemistry learned how useful the ICN room could be when they worked on labs involving forensics and the elements. "We do the labs in class and then prepare slide shows and presentations with the results. Then we use the ICN room to share our work with 26 other districts," said Frisch. By comparing results of various labs with other schools, students were able to further their conclusions and learn how other kids solved the same problems. *spread by Reuben Vanderkwaak*

Inflating a plastic bag...

sophomore Mary Kuster preforms an experiment in Physics class. "We were working on something called the Bernoulli principle. We had to show that blowing air into a plastic bag didn't fill it up as well as sweeping the bag through the air would," said Kuster. *photo by Reuben Vanderkwaak*

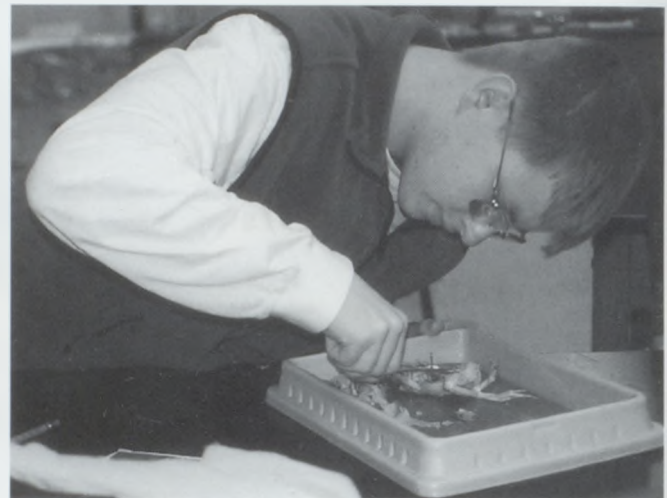


Jumping from the flames...

junior Molly Langwith conducts an experiment in General Chemistry. "There were a bunch of labs set up around the room, and we rotated to different ones. We lit magnesium and other stuff on fire to test its composition. It was a lot of fun," said Langwith. *photo by Courtney Howard*

Making a precise cut...

sophomore Nathan Whylic finishes up dissecting his frog in Biology class. "We pinned down the frogs and had to find and identify their lungs, heart, stomach and other internal organs. Mine was a female because it had a big pack of eggs inside it. It also had an insect in its stomach," said Whylic. *photo by Kat Kellogg*



"We made food islands during a lab for Physical Science. It was neat because first we learned about contour maps and designed our own, then we created a 3-D model out of foods. We used broccoli for trees and stuff like that."



"In Conceptual Physics we had the Physics 500. We rolled people around the halls timing each other and sort of made a race out of it. Then we had to calculate their velocity. It was cool seeing how physics can relate to everyday life."

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"Right before Christmas in Honors Chemistry, we got to make peanut brittle using test tubes and beakers in the lab. Things like that and other fun labs are what made class fun. Also, there were not very many kids in my hour, so there was a more relaxed environment, making it easier to learn."

Kelli Ryan, '01

Brandy Nuss, '01

"The test over acceleration in Physics class was really hard. We had so many equations we had to memorize and Mr. (Mike) Partington wouldn't give us any of them during the test. Not everyone did really good on it, so he let us retake it if we wanted to. In the end, everything turned out okay."



Racing her mouse trap car...
junior Callie Roth conducts a test in Physics class. "Mr. (Mike) Partington told us to make mouse trap cars, but he would not tell us how. We had to do it completely on our own. It was really hard to figure out, but it made us learn a whole lot more about how they worked," said Roth. *photo by Matt Ring*

Physics



Dipping their cabbage...
freshmen J.P. Wohl, Pat Ryerson and Justin Smith create testing paper from scratch in Physical Science. "In this lab we had to boil water and then soak cabbage in it. We made a litmus-type paper with the water that we could use to find out if something is an acid or a base," said Ryerson. *photo by Reuben Vanderkwaak*

Physical Science



Dissecting a cow heart...
sophomores Jen Gaukler, Aimee Kempf and Beth Huss are shown by Mr. Keith Lippincott the location of the right ventricle. "The hearts looked like those little plants from Super Mario Brothers™. Kids kept playing puppets with them the whole class, it was really funny," said Gaukler. *photo by Emma Stone*

Biology



Measuring the chemicals...
junior Laura Warren hones her skills during a lab in General Chemistry class. "We were suppose to test the different properties of certain materials and metals," said Warren. "I liked chemistry class because when I mixed all the chemicals and stuff, I felt like a scientist." *photo by Courtney Howard*

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Academics

Penalizing Players

The referees gave out an unusually large amount of penalty cards.

During the game against Ankeny, there were 21 penalty cards given out to players of both teams. Eleven of these cards were against Johnston.

Some of the players thought the referees weren't being fair and were biased against Johnston, including junior Mike Kunert. "I think it's bull. We get carded for everthing. I didn't notice the other teams, just ours getting penalty cards. Some of our players like to bad-mouth to the refs and they (the referees) take it personally," said Kunert.

Other players thought the referees were fair, but they needed to be constant about the calls they made throughout the game. Senior Clint Meek said, "I think they (the refs) can let the games get out of control. If they start letting players get away with dirty plays and then out of nowhere they start pulling out cards, that's kind of wierd. I think if they start carding people at the beginning of the game, then the players will know that they can't get away with playing dirty."

Although there were many opinions about the referees' calls, it was the officials making the final calls. *spread by Sarah Kesse*

Varsity 7-7



Running full speed toward the goal...

junior Josten Foley keeps the ball in his possession. "I think the team could pass better and work together better. Nobody is big-headed so we all get along and we have pasta dinners at someone's house every night before a game. The juniors sometimes juggle and play frisbee together," said Foley. *photo by Michelle Collignon*

Preparing for a corner kick...

sophomore Shane Wilson practices before a varsity game. "Playing with the seniors is fun because they are nicer this year and we all get along," said Wilson. *photo by M. Collignon*



Kennedy	0	2
Jefferson	2	1
West Dodge	4	3
Mason City	3	2
SE Polk	4	1
Newton	2	1
Urbandale	0	8
Ankeny	1	3
Indianola	1	0
Hoover	2	0
Ames	0	1
Valley	0	2
Marshalltown	1	5
District game		
Roosevelt	2	5
The two goals		

gained at districts, against Roosevelt, were made by senior Brady Jacobsen and junior Josten Foley. Foley was assisted by sophomore Shane Wilson on the goal attempt.

Throughout the season, Foley made the most goals of the varsity team. Overall, he made seven goals but he never had any assists.

The player with the most assists was senior Nic Scherer with five assists.

There were seven games at Johnston and the Johnston team won three of them.

The game on May 18 against Lincoln was rained out. It would have been the last game before districts.

The team was supposed to play the districts game on Saturday, May 20, but there were an odd number of teams, so they played it on Tuesday, May 23, instead.



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Running into a Valley opponent...

freshman Zach Webster trips before reaching the ball. Webster was one of the five players that played on both the JV and 9/10 teams. *photo by Collignon*

"I was chosen captain by the rest of the freshmen team, and after that they sang a song





Clearing the ball from the goal area...
freshman Nate Meston kicks it into center field. "After we started coming to practices, the team came together. We all skipped a practice once so we had to run laps around the field the next time. It was neat that we won the game against Valley because we thought we weren't any good," said Meston. *photo by Matt Ring*

Diving to save the ball...
freshman Kevin Kading prevents a teammate from making a shot on goal in a JV warm-up. "We all work together and we all like soccer so we get along. My goal was to get on the varsity team, which I did, because it's really hard to get on varsity as a freshman. I learned that varsity is more physical than I thought," said Kading. *photo by Matt Ring*

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VARSITY

7-7

- The team sometimes played frisbee and juggled at their pasta dinners they had the night before every game. The team either went to restaurants like Spaghetti Works or they alternated between each teammate's house.
- During a game against Ankeny, there were three red cards given out to players on the Johnston team.
- The team consisted of two freshmen, five sophomores, six juniors and six seniors.

JUNIOR VARSITY

11-2-3

- JV had a full-time coach, Matt Todd, compared to the previous year when the team had a coach for the first half of the season and a different coach for the second half.
- Sophomore Matt Walters scored the most goals during the season.
- The team never gave up more than two goals in a game.

FRESHMAN / SOPHOMORE

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- Freshman Zach Webster scored the most goals of the team and freshman Marc Cabrera had the most assists. Both Webster and Cabrera also played a few games on the junior varsity team.
- The first team they tied with during the season was Newton and the other was Ames. They won two games which were against Fort Dodge and Valley. They played Valley, Ames and Urbandale more than once.

Varsity

Brady Jacobsen, '00

"We all get along pretty great. During practices we were always joking around and it was a friendly environment. We all challenged each other to do better and it was a good challenge to have younger players on the team. They were younger, but they still had experience from previous teams."

"The hardest part of the season was standing the referees. Most of the cards were horse manure. Some of them were deserved, but some of them were not deserved at all. Like when someone from the other team would fake an injury and then we would get carded. That's not fair to our team."



Matt Donaldson, '01



"I tore my hip flexure so I was out most of the season, but I remember the first tryout game because it was 45 degrees outside. It was raining and really bad weather, so it was hard to play to tryout. Also, a highlight was at a Valley game because the team played the best we could. We didn't win, but it was a good game."

"One disappointing part (of the season) was when we lost to Urbandale. It wasn't a good game because we didn't work together. But then we beat Valley when they were expected to win. I wanted to go undefeated for the season, but that didn't happen. It helped when we talked to each other and played together on the field."

Junior Varsity

Junior Varsity

Grant Turner, '02

Tyler Stanley, '03

Freshman

about me and they told me to go skip around the field for fun." ~Sophomore Dan Knight

Student Opinion on...

Schools Teaching Evolution and Creationism

- "I don't really care because it's not that big of a deal to me. If people don't want to hear that kind of stuff, about how the world was created, then don't take the course."
- **Nick Ciarimboli, '03**

Passing It On

The team proved that a little change didn't alter their good attitudes.

Head coach Dennis Georgen moved during the last two weeks of the season, leaving the girls with new head coach Mohamed Abusharkh and assistant coach Matt Todd (both resigned after the season). Georgen had to move due to an unavoidable job change.

The team seemed to handle the shift as well as expected. Abusharkh said, "It was a very smooth transition as far as our relationship with the team. It was more administrative work for me, but it was all well worth it in the end."

Team members seemed to agree with Abusharkh. "We were all sad to see him (Georgen) go, but it was good that we already knew Mo (Abusharkh) and Matt (Todd). It gave some people a fresh start," said senior Kate McNerney.

Reflecting on the move, Georgen said, "It's always hard to move, and yet leaving that team was absolutely the hardest aspect of moving. It was so hard saying good-bye to a group of girls that I had so much respect for and I enjoyed working with. It was a special time in my life and I hope it meant something to them as well." *spread by BreeAnn Williams*

Varsity 7-10



Playing keep-away...

sophomore Debbie Anderson kicks the ball away from her opponents. Anderson said, "In order to have a good team we all needed to get our acts together and get our attitudes together, which we all did very well by the end of the season." *photo by Michelle Collignon*

Ready to score...

sophomore Krissy Hanson prepares to shoot a goal in order to score a point for the junior varsity team. *photo by Alyssa Ranney*

Lincoln..... 4	0	CIML Conference		✱ The three leading scorers were sophomore Lindsay Ruisch with nine goals, Warner with six and junior Tarah Schultz with four.
Sioux City... 2	1	Ames..... 2	4	✱ All but one member of the team were 1999 letter winners.
Fort Dodge... 1	1	Regionals		✱ The most valuable player award was given to one of the three sophomores on the team, Emily Scholten. The other two sophomores were Anderson and Ruisch.
Indianola..... 1	2	Gilbert..... 0	6	
Mason City... 3	0	✱ The team captains were graduate Kirsten Fredenck and senior Dawn Warner.		
Newton..... 0	1	✱ The player who received the most improved award was senior Kristi Johnson.		
Hawest..... 1	2	✱ Graduate Sarah Meston received the sportsmanship award.		
Urbandale... 2	8			
Ankeny..... 2	3			
Ames..... 0	5			
Valley..... 0	2			
Marshalltown. 2	1			
Indianola Invite				
Lincoln..... 1	0			
North..... 4	0			
Indianola..... 0	1			



Before a varsity game...

graduate Julie Heffling sits on the side of the field, while a physical trainer prepares to wrap her foot. *photo by Michelle Collignon*

"I believe that the (JJV) team learned how to work together much better as a whole and not

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Soccer, girls



Blocking a shot...

sophomore Megan O'Donnell prevents a goal. O'Donnell said, "It's (the season) a lot of hard work, and if a person doesn't go into it expecting that, then they are in for a challenge. I knew this, but I still really enjoyed the season." photo by Michelle Collignon

Grabbing the flag...

freshman Amy Barth prepares to shoot a corner kick. Coach Matt Todd felt that Mullen and other freshmen helped the team. He said, "A highlight for me was after the eighth graders came up and joined us as freshmen, our team was undefeated for the rest of the season. That really helped lift our spirits." photo by Michelle Collignon

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JUNIOR VARSITY

9-2-3

- The three captains for the team were juniors Mimi Berglund, Ayrel Clark and Jayme Whitaker.
- The most improved award was given to sophomore Jamie Lamberti.
- The team competed in the Urbandale Tournament and beat both Dowling and Ankeny.
- Sophomore Candice Six won the player's player award at the awards ceremony.
- There was one letter winner on the team, sophomore Laura Stradley.
- The sportsmanship award was given to Ayrel Clark.

JJV

5-3-2

- The team captains, who were chosen by the team, were sophomore Alana Brown and junior Jenna Von Bon.
- The JJV team played Valley three times. The first two times they lost 0-5. The third time they played them, they improved and they came out with a tie, 0-0.
- The two letter winners for the 1999 season were also Brown and Von Bon.
- At the awards ceremony, the team was awarded the mighty dragon award for overall improvement, sportsmanship, teamwork and participation during the season.
- The team played Ames twice during the season. They beat them with a score of 7-0 both times.

Varsity

Tara Thornton, '01

"At the beginning of the season the team wasn't very close because we were all from different backgrounds and different grades. The freshmen initiation actually kind of brought us together along with just working and playing together as a team. We started to hang out more and enjoy each other's company."

"It's really sad to see the coaches go. They taught us a lot about working as a team. When I hurt my back and couldn't play for a while, I would be kind of down. But coach Matt Todd would make me smile and lift up my spirits, along with the help of the team. We all supported each other and were very positive."



Jamie Lamberti, '02



Junior Varsity

"A goal I wanted to accomplish would have to be to work as hard as I could. I believe I succeeded in doing this because I focused and listened to the coaches more than I did in years past. I also applied what I learned to the game more than I had in the past. I have lots of meaningful memories from soccer."

"I think two main points that the coach (Todd) wanted us to understand would probably be playing smart during the games and to have overall cooperation within the team. I believe that this was emphasized and carried out through the season very well. We all got along, bonded and just had an overall fun time."



Junior Varsity

Kristi Kramer, '01

Erin Danielson, '03

JJV

one person hogging the ball all the time. It was a great season." ~Sophomore Alana Brown

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Studying the Mind

For the first time, there was a continuation of Psychology offered to those who wanted to take a more advanced class.

Nine students took the first-time offered class of AP Psychology. For about 25 minutes, these students were taught by the guidance counselor at North Polk High School, Mrs. Nancy Marks. "She (Marks) researches what we're studying from outside sources before she teaches us. Since the schedules are different at North Polk, we have a shorter class and we have to learn things a lot faster," said senior Anna Hall.

Although it's a harder class, some students decided to get it out of the way before college. "I'm fascinated with how the mind works, so I decided to take AP Psychology. I knew it'd be hard but I had time to take it now," said senior Andrea Glendenning.

These students felt the 25 minute class wasn't enough time to really study the material. Therefore, they made the best use of the time they had.

Listening to Mrs. Sue Cline...

sophomore Anne Paulsen busily writes important points. "The best part of Classical Civilization is looking at art slides of cultures we're studying. I took Ancient Civilization first semester. It was more interesting because we did more hands-on things," said Paulsen. *photo by Sarah Kesse*

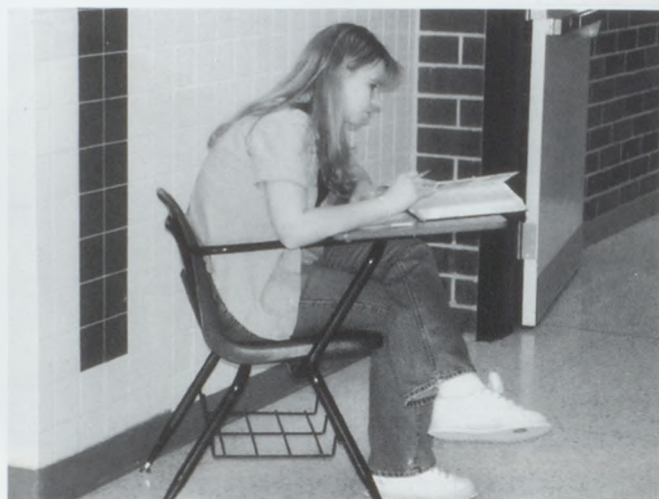


Taking notes from their books...

seniors Eileen Leslie and Courtney Rotz get ready for the next quiz in AP Psychology. Senior Robert Calland said, "It's a hard class and there's a really big end-of-the-year project which is the only way to get an A or B in the class. If you get a C, it is considered failing." *photo by Megan Stetson*

Making up a quiz she missed...

sophomore Brandy Peirce looks through her book for the answer. "My least favorite part of the class is tests because history doesn't click in my head. In Mrs. (Susan) McCravy's class, we do a lot of group things. I like doing group work because I work better that way," said Peirce. *photo by Marissa Stetson*



"I like to learn about what happened a long time ago and how it's different today. The best part of World History was an activity we did where we created our own shields that we designed to represent us."



'02 KARENA SHIVERS



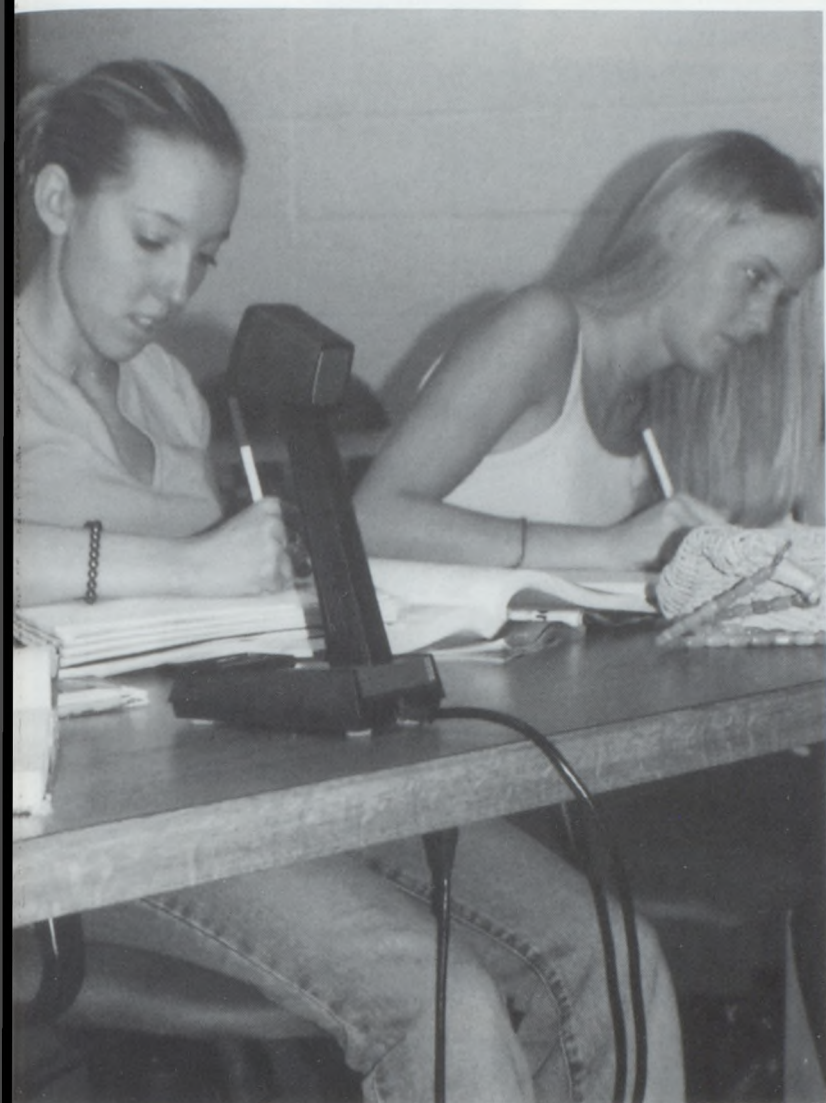
"I liked it when we built the city (in Developing Citizenship) because it's more hands-on. The field trip to the courthouse was fun, but I didn't like the immigration unit because I thought it was boring and it went on too long."

'03 JON BURNS

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Writing the dates...

sophomore Rachael Johnson makes her Russian time line. "I thought the Russian unit was interesting because the leader was mean and he killed a bunch of people. Mr. (Jay) Shackett makes the class more fun by letting us listen to the radio during class and he makes the material easy to understand," said Johnson. *photo by Emily Hoffman*

Modern Era



Teaching to her class about Persian War...

Mrs. Sue Cline draws a map to help students visualize the surroundings. "I try to tailor what we talk about so the students can relate better. They seem to like anything with sex and violence. I don't like to teach about warfare because I don't like to glorify it," said Cline. *photo by Sarah Kesse*

Acc. World Studies



Helping Governor George W. Bush's campaign...

seniors Amelia Groetsch and Ashley Bengard support Bush for president. "I went to the Bush and Republican debates which were good experiences. Before I went, I wasn't sure if I was going to vote Republican or Democratic and by going it helped me decide," said Groetsch. *photo by Megan Stetson*

Government



Flipping through her notes...

freshman Stacie Olsasky plays Jeopardy to study for her upcoming test. "We do activities and I think that's a fun way to learn. When we play games, it helps me when I am studying for a test. I like how Mrs. (Mary) VanHeukelum doesn't talk the whole class period," said Olsasky. *photo by Megan Stetson*

Developing Cit.



"I like the discussions in Mr. (Jay) Shackett's government class. He makes them interesting by the way he introduces the topics. His teaching style is different, which is good, but his tests are harder than (Mr. Jerry) Stratton's tests. I think that Shackett's class is an easier day-to-day class though."

Mike Raes, '00

Lisa Nelson, '01

"Mr. (Jerry) Kinder's style of teaching is very fun. When he talks, he talks at our level so we can understand what we're studying. We get into conversations about other things that are going on in the world, not just what we're studying. We usually talk about the topics instead of just book reading."



Student Opinion on...

"It depends on what movie it is. I like the old "Phyisco" a lot better than the new one because it's scarier because it's in black and white. I hate the new "American Pie" song because it's all technoed out."

Remakes

Shae Ary, '03

New Challenges

The team wanted to prove its skills since it was new in the CIML and had young players.

Being new to the CIML was demanding of the team's skills since they had to contend with more advanced players. Senior Emily Jamison thought freshman Katie Reichling helped the team. "Having Reichling step up and pitch helped us win our games," said Jamison.

The team knew they would have to work hard to compete with the higher level of competition. "One of the funniest things was during the season when we joked about how we might have to struggle to survive because we had so much respect for the conference," said coach Gary Snyder.

Coach Crystal Hayes agreed with Snyder and said, "Since we were new in the CIML league, some other teams didn't expect us to be good. The team wanted to show them that they were good and worthy of being in the conference."

The team worked hard to keep its first place rating in the conference, which it held for most of the season. Senior Katie Keck wasn't disappointed about not making it to state. "I wanted to go to state, but I thought we played well for the first year in the conference," said Keck. The team ended the season in third place behind Valley and Ankeny. *spread by S. Kesse*

Varsity 30-16



Getting ready to pitch...

freshman Katie Reichling eyes the batter. "It was nerve racking because people depend on the pitcher the most. I soon felt better about it though, because the season started out well," said Reichling. *photo by Megan Stetson*

Laughing at herself...

sophomore Lindsey Way jokes with coach Beth Ward. "The coach was my motivation to reach some of my goals," said sophomore Elizabeth Guns. *photo by Megan Stetson*



Port Dodge... 2 1	C.R. Amos... 2 0	Amos... 0 5
North... 4 2	Valley... 4 3	C.A.M... 1 1 9
Colo. Neva... 6 4	Valley... 1 7	Indianola... 1 9
Lincoln... 0 4	Marshalltown... 5 2	Van Meter... 1 1 1
Eldora Prov... 1 1 2	Port Dodge... 3 2	Valley... 2 1
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Newton... 4 0	Atlantic... 8 1	Urbandale... 3 2
W. Granger... 1 4	Carroll/Kemper... 6 1	Urbandale... 3 2
Polk... 3 0	Mason City... 4 0	Amos... 0 1
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S.E. Polk... 1 2	Seymour... 4 1	
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Hawes... 2 1	Ankeny... 1 3	
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C.R. Pottaw... 6 1	Ankeny... 3 2	

• Freshman Katie Reichling was the second eighth grader to be on the varsity team. Graduate Lacey Corcoran was the first.



Reaching for the ball...

junior Maggie Tews takes an opponent out. "I played as well as I thought I would, but I also continually improved," said Tews. *photo by Megan Stetson*

"When we rode on the bus on away games, coach (Beth) Ward would bring





Catching the ball...

junior Jacque Brown prepares to throw to a teammate. During practices, the team worked mainly on fundamentals but also on teamwork. "I got better at fielding and hitting because of all the drills we did and the coach (Crystal Hayes) helping me to do better," said Brown. *photo by Megan Stetson*

High-fiving before a game...

graduate Lacey Corcoran, senior Melissa Ward and graduate Jeny Lyons wish each other luck. Ward said, "The team improved by communicating and encouraging each other on and off the field. I was excited to come back this year and improve. I also wanted to beat the teams we had won the year before." *photo by Megan Stetson*

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VARSITY

30-16

- The team held first place until the season's last two games.
- Mr. Rahn Bjornson helped the team practice during preseason springball and then during the season to help all the players to improve at practices. He also came to every game to show his support for the team.
- Freshman Katie Reichling made third team All-State and graduate Lacey Corcoran made second team All-State.

JUNIOR VARSITY

15-8-1

- Many players, including junior Haley Wheeler, enjoyed the parents' growing support with their regular attendance at all the games. They cheered the teams on and shared their love for the game with the players.
- The team continually worked on improving their offensive playing and their fundamental skills throughout the season. Junior Sara Bjornson thought that teamwork was something that was improved upon.

FRESHMEN

21-17

- Sophomores Lindsey Way and Anne Paulsen locked the whole team in the shed except sophomores Lindsey Sleep, Amanda Yeggy and Leslie Ogren. The team was hiding from coach Beth Ward for fun.
- The team did situation drills to practice options for reacting to situations that might occur.
- Improving batting averages using the batting machine was a main focus during practices.

Varsity

Angela Jennings, '00

"When I heard about the Snyder case (former player filed lawsuit), I couldn't believe it. I felt so bad for him because I don't think it is true. He cared so much for our team. His family told him to not coach, but he decided to anyway. He's a good coach and I'm glad he decided to keep coaching. He's helped our team so much."

"Highlights of the season were hanging out with the rest of the team and getting to know the juniors. The bus rides were fun, too. We sang and people did impressions, especially (junior) Sarah Kiester. My goals were to make the most of the season, have a good time and not let anyone down."



Kristin Way, '01



"The team was young but the younger girls worked hard over the summer and came in playing better than I thought. The team overall was encouraging. If you were down, they told you to shake it off and that everything would be okay. JV got close as a team and we got along with the coach (Crystal Hayes) well."

Junior Varsity



"I played pretty well at the beginning of the season but I kept improving. It helped that if you made a mistake, then the coach (Beth Ward) made you do it over and over again until you got it right. (Sophomore) Mary Kuster and I also had a hitting bet going on so we motivated each other to do well."

Junior Varsity

Anne Waller, '00

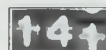
Amanda Yeggy, '02

Freshmen

food and sometimes we would have water fights." ~Sophomore Emily Sinnwell

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Sports

Many members of Student Council were the same as the year before

Wrap Up

Student Council members sponsored the annual homecoming dance on Oct. 30. The cost was six dollars per person and 12 dollars per couple. The group also helped to decorate the gym the morning before the big bash.

On Feb. 14, members handed out computerized compatibility lists to the school for one dollar per list. There were two lists, one for compatible friends of the same sex and one for compatible people of the opposite sex.

On Apr. 3, Mrs. Mary VanHeukelom, the adult supervisor for the group, took a leave of absence to give birth to her first daughter. As a result, Mr. Tim Brickley smoothly took over supervision of the last few meetings.

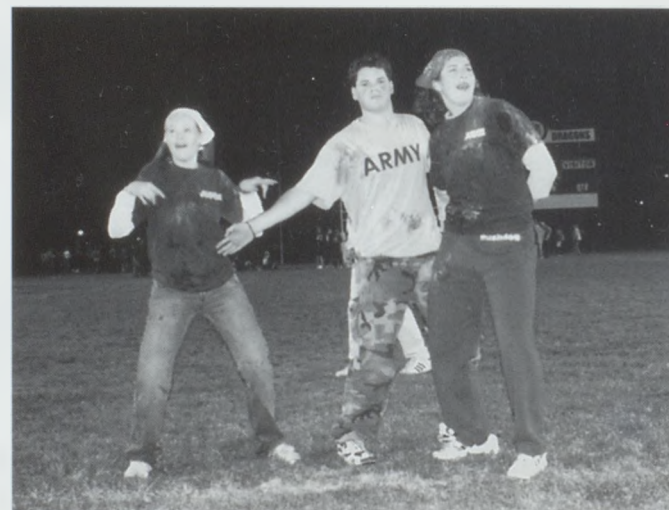
Giving blood was an opportunity that some students (over the age of 17 and who met other requirements given out by the school) experienced on Mar. 17. This event was organized and sponsored by Student Council and NHS.

spread by BreeAnn Williams



... Raising her hand...

senior Lisa Doudna lets the blood flow away from her arm after giving blood. Before donating, the students were presented with various kinds of soda to increase the level of sugar in their blood, which decreased the risk of passing out. After donating, complimentary cookies and other munchies were offered to the students before they returned to their classes. photo by BreeAnn Williams



... Shaking their groove-thing...

junior Sarah Kiester and seniors Ben Flannery and Ashley Bengard take a break during their judging at Rock Around the Clock. One of the many widely enjoyed events of the year, Rock Around the Clock, was organized by Student Council during the week of homecoming. photo by B. Williams

which allowed the group to get things organized more efficiently.

Leaning into the microphone...

junior Lisette Cabrera addresses the mass student body at the homecoming coronation. Other Student Council members that spoke before the ceremony were senior Grant Patterson and junior Sarah Straw. *photo by Matt Ring*

Handing over her dollar...

sophomore Beth Huss waits in anticipation to receive her computerized compatibility list while senior Betsy Sanders searches for the list with Huss' name on it. *photo by BreeAnn Williams*

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• • • **Grant Patterson, senior** • • •

"Being the president of Student Council has been a really cool experience for me. I have enjoyed working with the other members and hearing their angles and ideas on different subjects."



• • • **Bekah Morris, sophomore** • • •

"I like being able to help out people in the community. I liked doing the Trick-or-Treat for food. It was cool to know that while I'm having fun I am also doing a good thing for people."



• • • **Christy Ellis, freshman** • • •

"I feel privileged to be in Student Council. It's cool when a person in my grade comes up to me and asks me a question about a dance or event and I can inform them. I also like voting on different issues."

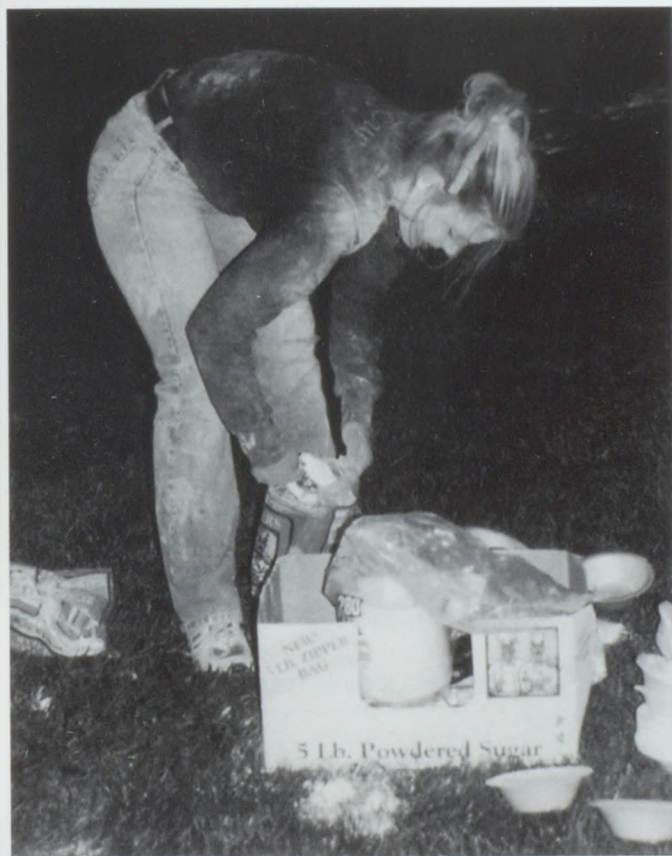


photo by Megan Stetson

"I like when Student Council helps organize all of homecoming week. It is one of the biggest events of the year and I am glad to help be a part of it. I also think it's cool just to help out with the school in any way I can. While some events can be stressful to organize, it is a really rewarding experience as well."

Dustin Simmerman, '00

Cleaning up the powdered sugar...

sophomore Lindsay Townsend leans over to pick up the mess left over after Rock Around the Clock. Townsend helped out by working at one of the many stations set up out at the football field. "Personally, my favorite event that Student Council organized and helped put on would have to be Rock Around the Clock because everyone always has so much fun and it's also a blast to watch," said Townsend. *photo by Megan Stetson*

Student Opinion on...

Capri Pants

- "Capri pants are cute as long as they are worn the right way. People have to
- know how to make an outfit with them. I don't think they should go with sweaters.
- They look good with tank tops and short sleeve shirts."

Kim VanderKwaak

Surprising Results

Swimmers performed better at districts than was expected and nine qualified for state.

When senior Ben Flannery looked up from the water to see his time of 55 seconds in the 100 yard butterfly at districts, he was amazed to find that he broke the school record that had been held by his brother, Dan Flannery. "When I was little I always saw my brother as such a great swimmer since he went on to swim at Iowa State," said Flannery. "I never really thought I could be judged on the same level as him."

Flannery was not the only swimmer to do surprisingly well in districts. All three relays and four individual swimmers qualified for the state tournament.

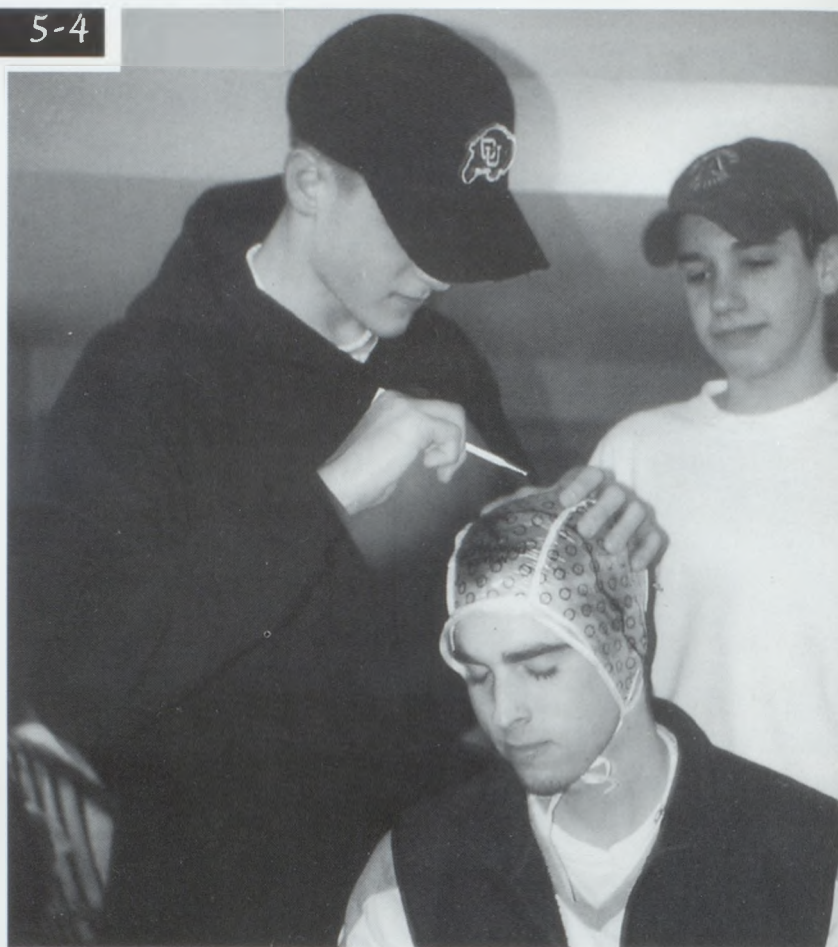
One reason the team did so well this year was because they worked toward their last meet instead of only concentrating on the next meet, according to senior Grant Mandsager.

Concentration was another reason swimmers did so well at districts. "The night before districts (coach) Shari Walling gave us a bolt tied to a string and told us to move it using only our minds," said senior Marcus Iwig. "It worked, which made us realize performance is mostly mental." *spread by C. Howard*

Varsity 5-4

Searching for the right spot...

sophomore Adam Frank starts to dye senior Mike Porter's hair as Urbandale freshman Danny Howell looks on. Team members dyed their hair during the season and shaved it off before districts to reduce water resistance. *photo by Marcus Iwig*



Senior Adam Graaf gets a breath...

during the medley relay. The team, including Graaf, seniors Grant Mandsager, Ben Flannery and Urbandale junior Ben Killion, qualified for state. *photo by C.H.*



Ames	52.5 52.5
Ames Invite	Fourth
Hoover DM	122 47
Marsden	68 99
Fort Dodge	90 80
Lincoln DM	113 57
Newton	131 57
Ames	59 111
Mason City	74 96
Urbandale Invite	Second
Valley WDM	47 115
Conference	Seventh
Districts	Third
State	Fourth
* There were 32 team members.	

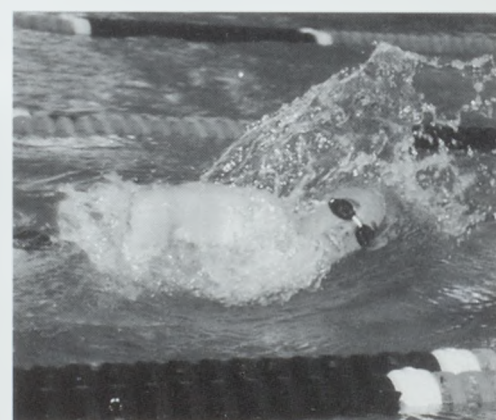
* There were three team captains: seniors Grant Mandsager, Ben Flannery and Urbandale swimmer Jared Jablonski.

* The team hired another assistant coach, Darrin Robertson, who was able to help students when the other two coaches were busy.

* Mandsager received sixth place at state competition. This was his second year to be able to go to state.

* The team had 14 new members this season, many of which had never swum competitively before. Because of this, there was a variety of skill levels on the team.

* Flannery broke the school record at districts in the 100 yard butterfly with a time of 1:13 seconds. Flannery did not think he would accomplish this goal before state competition, so he was excited to break it before that meet.



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Swimming in the 200 freestyle...
senior Eric Fritz competes in the Urbandale Invitational. Fritz swam for three years in high school. *photo by Courtney Lyn Howard*

"Because of the leadership we had from our team captains this year, we helped each



Competing in the Urbandale Invitational...

senior Marcus Iwig swims in the 100 yard breast stroke. "It was a turning point in my season, because I hadn't been swimming well all year," said Iwig. "I broke 1:17 for the first time, and it helped me get motivated for the rest of the season." photo by Courtney Howard

Doing the backstroke...

senior Jason Kohles competes in the Urbandale Invitational. "My biggest accomplishment was finally making it to state," said Kohles. "Last year I missed it by eight-hundredth of a second. This year I was way above the cut-off time because I dropped four seconds in my district race." photo by Courtney Lyn Howard-Stetson



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- The team played water polo during the practice that was held on Christmas Eve.
- Junior Robert Shumaker listened to his *Less Than Jake CD* before he swam to get himself pumped up.
- At each home meet the National Anthem was sang. At one meet, all of the seniors sang. Senior Ben Flannery sang a solo at another one of the meets.
- Practices were held every weekday from 4 a.m. to 6 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. They also practiced every Saturday from 7 a.m. to 10 a.m.
- There were five seniors that swam all four years of their high school career. They were seniors Grant Mandsager, Jason Kohles, Flannery and Urbandale swimmers Chris Bentzinger and Jared Jablonski.
- Sophomores Adam Frank and Cody Lewton and junior Nathan Gerger, junior varsity members, were able to swim for varsity in at least one meet throughout the season.
- The team got together for a shaving party the Friday night before districts at Flannery's house. Team members shaved each other's heads and had fun together.
- When freshman Nick Quick swam he would repeat his breathing technique in his mind to help him remember the correct way to breathe. When Quick felt he needed to go faster, he would repeat the technique more quickly.
- Freshman Andy Uchtyl said the worst part of being on the swimming team was waking up for early morning practices each day before school.

Junior Varsity

Tyler Weisz, '02

"I had never swam before this year, so the coach and a lot of team members helped me out by teaching me techniques. Then I thought about the things I learned every time I swam. I kept thinking about extending my arms and my breathing. It was still scary the first time I had to swim a new event."



"This was my first year swimming competitively. I decided to join the team because some friends of mine talked me into it. They said it would be hard work and would help condition me for football. They also said it would be a lot of fun, which it was. I am glad that I joined the team."



Junior Varsity

Nick Quick, '03

Robert Shumaker, '01

"On senior night we were all goofing around and having fun when all of the seniors decided to throw (coach) Shari (Walling) into the pool after the meet. Then she threw all of the seniors that were still dry into the pool. It was a lot of fun because it's something that doesn't normally happen at meets."



"My individual goal this season was to get to at least 30 seconds in a freestyle. Although I lifted weights, ate right and attended all of the practices, I didn't make my goal. I came pretty close with a time of 36 seconds. I plan on continuing to focus on this goal so that I can at least reach it, if not go beyond it, next season."



Seth Anderson, '02

Junior Varsity

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other out and there was more comradery between team members." ~ Sophomore Jon Ellis



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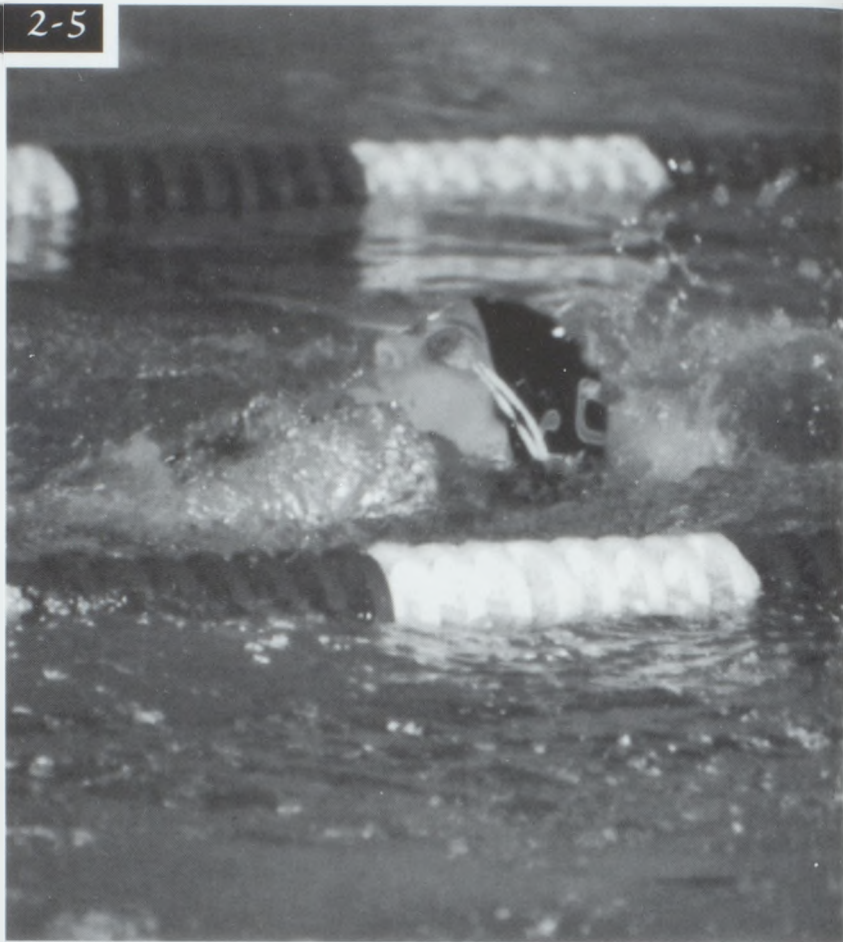
Three Johnston and one Urbandale swimmer made up the only relay team to make state.

Thirty-two girls made up the Urbandale/Johnston swimming team. The team went in everyday for 5 a.m. practices and every afternoon they were at the pool again, ready to swim. They pushed themselves harder at night and pretended it was a real meet.

Four swimmers, one diver and one alternate qualified for state. "We were nervous sitting at (senior) Chelsea's (Hughes) house waiting to see if we qualified. We were 24th of 24 teams to qualify for state. We barely made it," said sophomore Holly Heckman. Heckman, sophomore Katie Petersen, junior Lindsey Kroeger and Urbandale swimmer Jamie Lee made up the relay team along with alternate swimmer, senior Amy Young.

The girls placed 15th out of all the teams in the 200 meter freestyle at state. They worked hard to drop their time during their district swim and again in their final state swim. "Getting to state is the pinnacle of high school swimming. The goal every year is to send as many people as possible to state," said coach Shari Walling. *spread by Amy Dennis*

Varsity 2-5



Splashing water...

sophomore Katie Petersen swims the 100 m. backstroke. Petersen's best time in the 100 m. was 1:09.81. She improved her time by 2.02 seconds throughout the season. "I originally started swimming because I just liked the water," said Petersen. *photo by Amy Dennis*

Concentrating on her dive...

junior Lindsey Haag walks to the edge of the board. "I only practiced at night because I wasn't really committed. I swim for fun," said Haag. *photo by Sarah Sauber*



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Shouting encouraging words... seniors Nicole Weirich, Melissa Shroeder (Urb.), Zarine Anklesaria and junior Jamie Lee (Urb.) cheer on junior Lindsey Kroeger. *photo by Amy Dennis*

Fort Dodge	96	86
Valley	96	110
Marshalltown	79	107
Ankeny	87	97
Newton	100	86
Ames	84	100
Mason City	46	54
Ames Invite	third	
Urb. Invite	fifth	
CIHL Meet	eighth	
District Meet	fourth	

* The state qualifying 200 relay team swam a 1:47.98, their fastest time during regular season. The relay dropped to a 1:46.11 during their district swim. Then a final time of 1:45.02 seconds at state, dropping a total of 2.96 seconds.
 * Junior Sarah Straw was voted most inspirational.
 * Darin Robertson and Marv Fangman were the new assistant coaches.
 * "Faith" by Limp Bizkit was one of the team's favorite songs to sing.
 * For practices, the girls would swim 300 yards free, four 100 m. free styles and 200 m. kicks.
 * Sophomore Holly Heckman and Urbandale junior Abi Fangman were voted the most valuable athletes.
 * Four girls could not finish the season due to shoulder injuries early on.

* The entire team consisted of three coaches, ten seniors, seven juniors, six sophomores and nine freshmen.

"For freshmen initiation we dressed them up in dresses, did their hair and put a ton of make-

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Tightening her goggles...

sophomore Laura Stradley gets ready to swim in the freestyle relay. Stradley was able to swim for only half of the season due to an injured shoulder. "My goal was to make it through the season and drop time in my freestyle. (If I continue) my new goal is to make it to state by senior year," said Stradley. *photo by Sarah Sauber*

In the middle...

Jessi Reece, Zarine Anklesaria, Nicole Weirich and other seniors yell out the team's spirit cheer while junior Lindsey Kroeger and sophomore Beth Bond join in with the team. "I'm a 'big cheerer.' I will always be the one standing behind people's lanes cheering for them," said Weirich. *photo by Amy Dennis*

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SWIMMING

- The captains were seniors Chelsea Hughes from Johnston and Candice Sanchez from Urbandale. The captains were voted for by the team.
- When Lindsey Kroeger swam she would get a fast-paced song in her head. Kroeger would then speed up the pace of the song to make her swim faster.
- The seniors were part of a big team. The seniors instilled many old traditions and cheers they had been shown when they were freshmen.
- While sophomore Katie Petersen swam she sang "The Ants Go Marching One by One" and thought about how long she had until she was done.
- Seniors were each designated a freshmen to help, in order for the freshmen to improve their styles throughout practices.
- The team consisted of 10 strong seniors, while the previous year's team consisted of only two.
- Hughes has had Shari Walling as a coach for five years, and has been swimming competitively since she was 12 years old.
- "The team was really close. We had pasta dinners before meets and had a sleep over and hung out more than we did last year," said junior Sarah Straw.

DIVING

- Junior Lindsey Haag joined the diving team for the first time. She doubled the number of Johnston divers.
- One diver, junior Abi Fangman from Urbandale, went to state. She placed 10th of 24 divers who competed.

Diver

Jessi Reece, '00

"I hurt my ankle half way through the season and it was harder for me to dive. I wanted to go to state and nail the reverse one half. I got the reverse but I didn't make it to state and it's hard because I'm a senior. When I was an underclassman I would watch the others and wish I was that good."

"I was one of the girls who had an injured shoulder, so I didn't do very well. I tore my shoulder and it never healed. The only way it will ever heal is if I stop swimming completely. Throughout the season, state seemed less and less likely to happen for me. I still had a lot of fun. We were a closer team this year."



Holly Heckman, '02



"Last year I was lazy because I came from a school where I was good without putting very much effort into it. At Johnston I learned to apply myself. The thing I remember the most was from the Urbandale Invite. I didn't feel well but I still dropped time and took second place out of 24 girls."

"My parents were the ones who first encouraged me in sports at age seven. I had tried others, I just liked swimming the most. I had some problems with my shoulder. I just had to push through the pain and frustration of it. During meets I would dive in and say to myself, 'You can do it, Sarah.'"



Swimmer

Sarah Straw, '01

Sarah Fey, '03

Swimmer

up on them. Then they had to walk in the homecoming parade." ~Sophomore Beth Bond

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Pointing to the audience...

freshman Mike Stange holds a pose with sophomore Nick Miller during a Sound Advice performance. Stange enjoyed the set that they did for the year. He said, "The set that we did, it was all pretty much different. And a lot of the songs that we did were new songs." Stange also felt however that some of their practice time wasn't used wisely. "Our work ethics weren't very good. We didn't get a lot done during rehearsals." *photo by Courtney Howard*



In front of the Civic Center...

seniors Amelia Groetsch and Andrea Glendenning perform a medley of songs from *Jekyll and Hyde*. "Our ballad this year was from the musical *Jekyll and Hyde* so we got to perform when the box office opened and we got free tickets," said Groetsch. *photo by Megan Stetson*



During the ballad...

sophomore Holly Ross and freshman Eric White sing "No One Like You" for a Sound Advice concert. White said, "I liked the long, away trips. In Mount Pleasant we had the most fun. We played football outside and then some guy got run over by a bus. I wish there were less people in Sound Advice. We can't move on stage and we can't do the cool moves that we planned because it's too crowded up there." *photo by Megan Stetson*



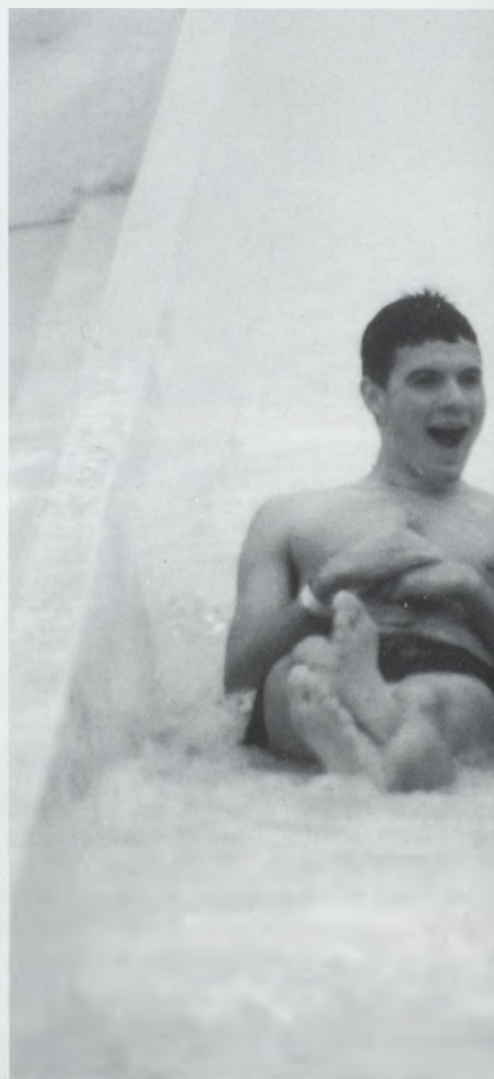
Making use of her acting skills...

junior Ayrel Clark performs during "Te Deum (with apologies to Hayden)." Clark said, "I really liked doing the parody because it gave me a chance to do some acting. I prefer acting to singing so it was nice that they integrated both into the program. Also, it was a really good song for our group, because we had good expressions. I think we pulled it off well." *photo by Courtney Howard*



During a chorus concert...

sophomores Angela Smith and Craig Buske perform their ballad, "No One Like You" for Sound Advice. Buske said, "Sound Advice was a lot of fun this year. In my opinion, the ballad sounded really good so that made it more fun to sing. Our group blended well and tried to incorporate good singing techniques that we learned in class during our competitions and performances." Sound Advice received two first place and one second place awards throughout the year. *photo by Courtney Lyn Howard*



Supporting his partner...

sophomore Grant Turner helps sophomore Kristen Kirkpatrick as they pose for the final move. Kirkpatrick said, "I remember when we would wait around to see what place we got. When we got first place we went crazy. Then we would have dance parties." *photo by Megan Stetson*

Juniors Sarah Klester and Joe Welsz pose during...

"Leader of the Big Time Band." Klester said, "Innovation takes up a lot of time, but it's a lot of fun being on stage. We started off the year with a choreography weekend that took up 26 hours." *photo by Megan Stetson*

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Beating the drums...

senior Matt Herrmann plays during the last song to finish the show for Innovation. Herrmann said, "We usually try to live up to the name of Innovation and be a little innovative. You don't see too many other show choir kids marching out in a band. We tried to combine a patriotic theme of 'Strike up the Band' with a modern look with our shiny silver pants and tight blue shirts." *photo by Courtney Howard*

Moving with the flow of the water...

sophomore Martin Glendenning rushes down the water slide at the water park called Blizzard Beach while in Orlando with Innovation. Glendenning said, "My favorite part was our trip to Florida. Disney is a cool place to be. Just being a part of it was great. We were treated like professionals and we went in the employee entrance at Disney." *photo by Jim Larabe*

A chance for Performance And Sight-Seeing

Sixty-five Innovation members spent four days of their spring break in Orlando, Florida, to present their show to vacationers while enjoying their break.

The Innovation trip to Orlando, Florida, was a chance for students to not only perform their show. They also spent some of their time seeing the sites and having fun.

Director Jody White explained the benefits of having the opportunity to take the spring break trip. "Going to Florida over spring break is never bad," said White. "Also, it was a good goal for us. It helped us to elevate our show even one more notch. We had more clinicians come in this year than any other year. In Florida we also got to see a bunch of good groups and hear good singing."

Junior Matt McCrea felt he had the most fun when they went to the water park. "The whole thing was just to ourselves. It was kind of a rainy day so nobody was really there. It was great because there were no lines," said McCrea.

Another thing the group did while they were in Orlando was they went to MGM Studios. Junior Alyssa Ranney said, "I've been to MGM before. It was funny to see people's reactions to the House of Terror. The new ride, the Rockin' Roller Coaster starring Aerosmith, was awesome. It went from zero to 60 miles an hour in two point five seconds."

Being able to participate in many different activities and go to a variety of places added some variation to the spring break trip to Orlando. *spread by Courtney Howard and Megan Stetson*

Did the format for the show work?

DIRECTOR

"I wanted to get away from it (the show choir show) being such a big deal and make it more of a concert format. No one realizes how much time all of the skit writing and finding someone to do it takes. It takes just the right person. I think it worked out really well."

Mrs. Jody White



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"Although I think the show choir show went really well this year, I feel like the format from years past, where there was a speaker and ongoing skit, went over better with the crowd. A lot of people I know said that they liked it better in years past."

Jenny Bond, '00

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Fine Arts

Breaking Records

With help from coaches and hard work, a senior was able to make and break a new record.

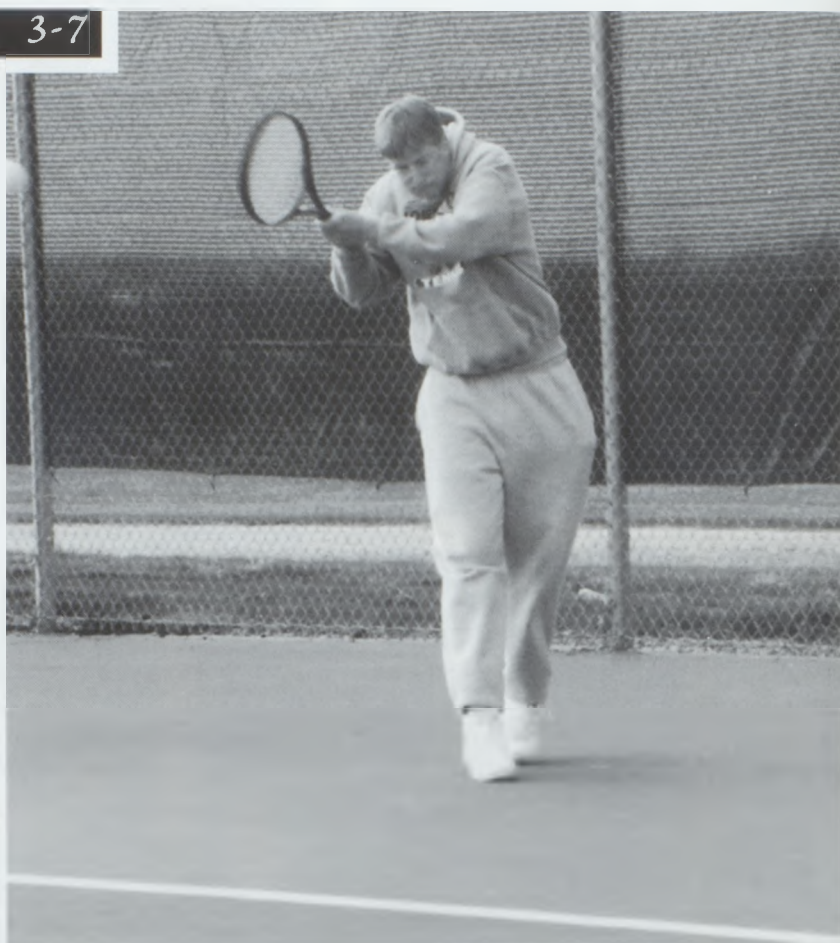
Senior John Fiala broke a Johnston high school tennis record for the most career wins with 57 wins and 51 losses. Before the start of this season he needed 11 wins to break the record.

Varsity 3-7

Before Fiala, graduate Ryan Roeth held the record. To break the record he beat a state qualifier from Marshalltown in a three hour match. It went three sets with two tiebreakers. The final score was 6-7(6-8), 6-4, 7-6(9-7).

Fiala played varsity all four years and said coach Leslie Shipp played a large part in his success. "As a freshman she played me a lot to see if I would get better with experience. There were older guys who could've played singles in my spot, but she saw that I had certain capabilities. She put me in situations where she knew that I could win," Fiala said.

Fiala knew Shipp had confidence in him because he had the potential and dedication to win. "John didn't have the tennis skills that others have had, but he was smart. He never beat himself. I always knew if there was a way to win, John would find it," said Shipp. *spread by Kat Kellogg*

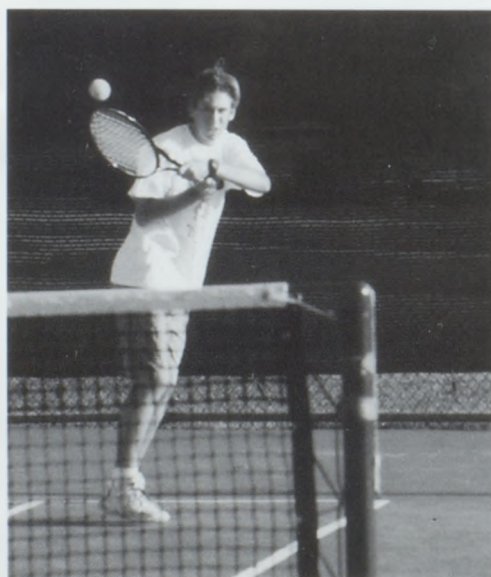


Returning a serve at home...

against Hoover, senior John Fiala tries to stay warm. Fiala said, "We wanted to win dual meets against teams we had beat in the past, win at least three singles per meet and shut a team out." They met only one of these goals. They shut out Indianola 11-0. *photo by Kat Kellogg*

Trying to keep the ball in play...

sophomore Ryan Midtlyng takes a swing against Ankeny. Midtlyng said, "I wish we could've made the season longer because it only lasted four weeks." *photo by Kat Kellogg*



Fort Dodge	5	6
Mason City	5	6
Weston	8	3
Ankeny	1	10
Urbandale	3	8
Valley	2	9
Valley	2	9
Indianola	11	0
Hoover	8	1
Marshalltown	5	6
Ankeny Invitational	First	
Johnston Inv	Second	

* The team lost three meets 5-6. They lost to Fort Dodge, Mason City and finally to Marshalltown.

* Senior Ben Wicks placed third in the number two singles spot at the Ankeny Invitational. Wicks defeated Anderson from Valley 6-1, 6-0.

* This was the first year that the Johnston Invitational was held. Seniors Jacob Strohman and Ted Christakos got first place in the number one doubles spot. There was snow on the ground when the meet started.

* Everyone won in first round at districts.

* The morning before districts the team had breakfast consisting of French toast and "go-juice" at Shan Walling's house.

* The night before districts the team had a pasta dinner with lasagna and cheesy macaroni at Strohman's house. Senior Dustin Simmerman's mom made the salad.

* Christakos and Strohman were doubles partners and played #2 varsity together all season.



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Trying to keep warm...

senior Ben Wicks watches a teammate. Wicks wasn't sure if he was going to be able to play in districts due to an injured wrist. *photo by Matt Putney*

"(Ms. Leslie) Shipp always talked to us before our matches to inspire us. It worked.

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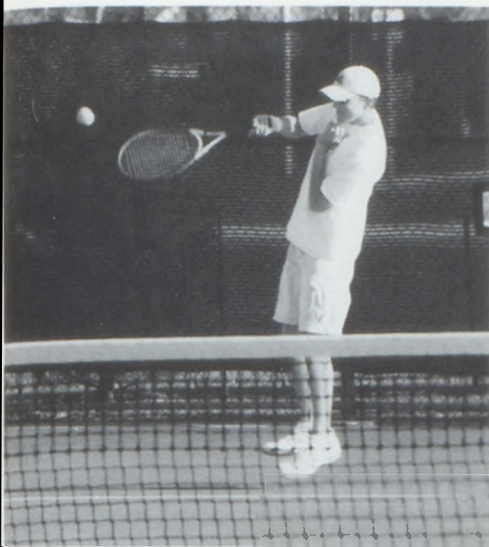
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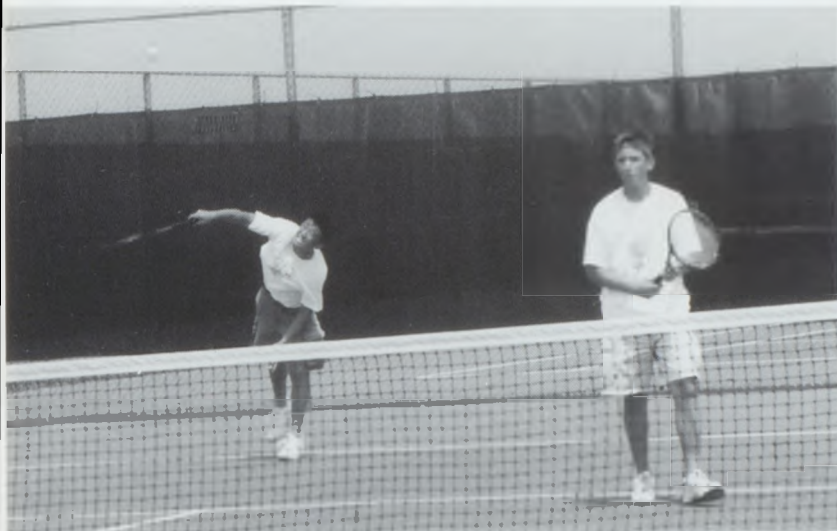
Taking a step back...

sophomore Chris Verlengia returns the ball. Verlengia said, "Before each match I would spit into one area, and again in a spot about a foot away from there. Then I would put my right shoe on one pile, left on the other, and then I wiped it good. It was my good luck charm. I won every time I did it." photo by Kat Kellogg

Playing doubles in districts...

against senior Ankeny student Christian Despotovich and junior Colby Despotovich, sophomores Kris Walters and Ramsey Midkiff try to come out with a win to move on to the semi-finals round. Walters and Midkiff came up short and lost the match 6-2, 6-1 in the second round of districts. photo by Kat Kellogg

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VARSITY

3-7

- Senior John Fiala received fourth place in singles at districts which took place at Johnston on May 12. This made him one of only two people to place in districts since the team became 2A, the other being graduate Nate Butzen.
- Wicks went 6-5 in singles. Wicks and his doubles partner, Fiala went 4-7 on the season.
- Senior Ted Christakos finished his career with a doubles record of 32-36 and second on the all-time list of winners at Johnston.
- Seniors Ben Wicks and Fiala were captains of the team.
- Sophomore Kris Walters went 9-3 in singles on the season.

JUNIOR VARSITY

5-5

- The JV team had an above average number of players this season. They had 18 players which came very close to the most players ever.
- Sophomores Robbie Burnett and John Atchison sang and danced to the song "Big Pimpin'" by Jay-Z every time they scored a point in their match.
- More JV players got a chance to play on the varsity team this year than any other year. Seniors Dustin Simmerman, Ryan Burnley and Chris Lanpher were three of these players that played varsity.
- When seniors Brian Burpee and Joel Beary played against Urbandale they came back from behind 6-2 and ended up winning the match 8-6. Burpee's goal was to win this match, and he did.

Varsity

Jacob Strohman, '00

"Overall, I don't think the season went very well. I didn't play the way I could and as a team I think we were underachievers. The team made a goal to be at least 500, and we weren't. We also wanted to beat teams that we hadn't beaten in 4A, and we only beat one. I wanted to win at the Johnston and Ankeny Invites. I did."

"I liked going on road trips and out to eat after we played in an away meet. I remember going out to eat one time. I'm not sure what meet we were at, but we were at this Taco Time place on the way back to Johnston and our coach stumbled and fell out the back door of the restaurant. It was hilarious."



Nathan Gerger, '01



Junior Varsity

"(Sophomore) Chris Verlengia and I always did 'the bash' where we would hit our knuckles before every match. He was my doubles partner. Verlengia would always listen to gangster music before we played. At Ames I got to play number one doubles with (senior) Ben Wicks because (John) Fiala was hurt. We lost, but it was fun."

"My main goal for this season was to improve overall. To do this I worked a lot on my serve and spent a lot of time outside of practice working on other things. I think I somewhat met my goal, but not totally. I played doubles with (sophomore) Ryan Midtlyng and we played pretty well together and won most of the time."



Junior Varsity

John Aitchison, '02

Geoff Taylor, '03

Junior Varsity

She said it didn't matter if we won as long as we played hard." ~Sophomore Justin Birru

Student Opinion on...

The School's Lock-down Policy

- "I think it is crazy. People like me from Central College Campus have to park on the side and walk all the way around. I have been late to Spanish class many times, and that is my only class at Johnston."
- Allison Rockwell, '02

New Additions

Coach Deb Nicholson and Coach Dennis Kain joined the tennis program.

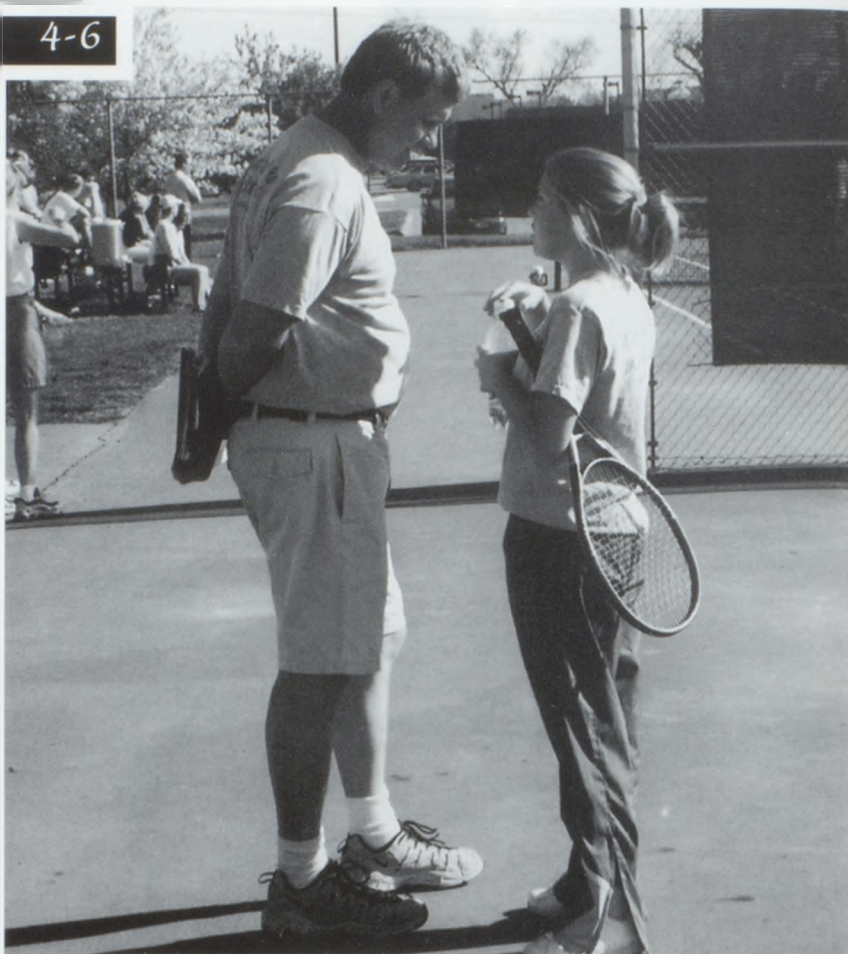
After five years as a basketball coach at Saydel, Mr. Dennis Kain started working for Johnston with girls tennis. He wanted to coach a spring sport and tennis happened to be an enjoyed activity of his. Mrs. Deb Nicholson also became a part of the program as the girls' JV tennis instructor.

With two new coaches, players were bound to have their first impressions and opinions about them. Freshman Michelle Mefford said, "My first impression of Coach Kain was that he would help keep us on track and that we would get stuff done."

"When I first started talking to Coach Nicholson I liked her. She sounded like she knew what she was talking about and was very energetic. The way she talked sounded like she really wanted us to do well and to learn new things," said junior Katie Flatt.

Throughout the season, many things were taught by the coaches such as strategies and mental aspects. Sophomore Jackie Swanepoel said, "I learned not to have an attitude problem. Coach Kain addressed this mainly." *spread by Serbus*

Varsity 4-6



Talking after a match...

sophomore Jackie Swanepoel discusses her prior scores with Coach Kain. Swanepoel said, "If I could change one thing about Coach (Dennis) Kain I would have him be more encouraging and not focus on the bad stuff that happened during my matches." *photo by Julia Serbus*

Determined to get her serve in...

senior Andrea Glendenning focuses on the other side of the court. Glendenning played in the number one spot for varsity and played in regionals. *photo by M. Collignon*

Washington	1	0
Seattle	1	1
Urbanside	0	1
Aviation	4	7
Ames	0	1
Valley	0	1
Indanola	3	8
Ilwaco	1	1
Marshall	2	4
Port Dodge	4	7
Johnston Invite	third	
Knoxville Invite	first	

and Andrea Glendenning who won their first round.

At the team districts they lost to Ankeny 3-6.

This was sophomore Beth Winkie's first year playing tennis. She mainly played JV doubles with senior Jackie Huisman. Winkie played singles once against a girl from Fort Dodge and ended up losing. Her only goal was to have fun and she did.

Freshmen Melissa Larson and Michelle Mefford were doubles partners for the JV team. When either of them needed a little lift to encourage their playing they would say, "Remember the Key!" They got this saying from an activity taken from a positivity course Mefford's mother participated in.

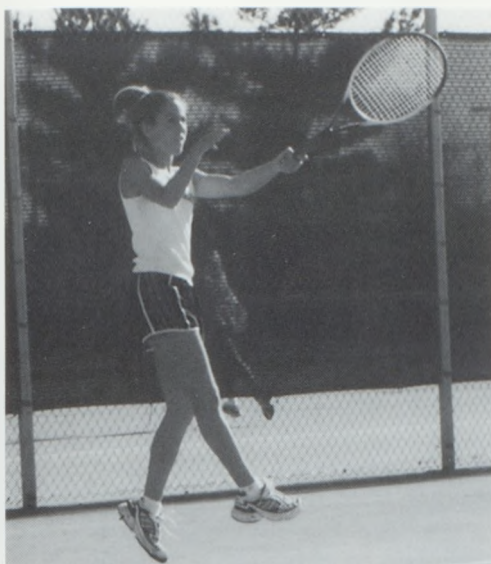
Sophomore Tara Ely wore a yellow ribbon tied around her hair for every tennis meet



Participating during a practice...

Coach Deb Nicholson and juniors Lindsey Haag and Kate Winzenburg perform a drill to help better their serving skills. *photo by Julia Serbus*

"It was really nice how we had a lot of home tennis meets this year because we got a lot of



Returning a serve...

junior Sarah Skinner checks to see if her forehand is in. This was Skinner's first year on varsity. She said, "I really enjoyed playing varsity. I think I learned a lot. It was more competitive (than JV) and there was more pressure. I increased my skills and became a better tennis player."

photo by Michelle Collignon

Getting a quick snack...

sophomore Jen Gaukler eats her cantaloupe. Many girls from the team brought snacks to munch on between their matches. Gaukler said, "My favorite foods to snack on during the meets were saltine crackers, cantaloupe and animal crackers. A friend and I usually buy Subway at each meet too."

photo by Julia Serbus



Varsity

• There was a tornado warning that interrupted the girls individual regionals on May 18. The girls had to stop playing to take shelter. Since this occurred all matches were finished the following day.

• They ordered black and white tennis dresses. They didn't get them until two weeks before the season ended so they weren't worn to many meets.

• Juniors Laura Skow and Molly Langwith, seniors Mary Mullenix, Betsy Sanders and Andrea Glendenning and sophomore Jackie Swanepoel played singles at individual districts. Skow, Mullenix, Sanders and Glendenning also played doubles.

• Six out of ten varsity girls played singles. Sophomore Rina Strenge was their alternate.

Junior Varsity

• Sophomore Mary Winzenburg would always sing a song from *The Little Mermaid* entitled "Part of Your World", to cheer up her doubles partner, sophomore Jen Gaukler, when she was having a bad day or just for fun. Winzenburg and Gaukler associated food with tennis such as animal crackers. Subway was one fast food restaurant they ate at quite often when they had meets.

• Junior Sarah Sauber always bounced the ball three times before she served. For the districts that took place on May 22, Sauber was an alternate. She was number one JV and was also a co-captain.

• Five freshmen went out for tennis and played JV. They were Melissa Larson, Katie Petersen, Michelle Mefford, Megan Miller and Cortney Seibert.

Varsity/Junior Varsity

Rina Strenge, '02

Mary Mullenix, '00

Varsity

"My goal was to be on varsity. I was really happy I got the chance to. It was a great experience. My favorite part was the conversations and practices with the upperclassmen. Our team was really diverse and had many different personalities. I think our differences just brought us closer together."

"My favorite part of this season was the games because it gave us (the tennis team) a chance to see other teammates play. This was my first year and I found it hard to keep track of the score during matches. I started playing because I wanted to do a school sport. It sounded fun and I got to play with my friends."



"(My favorite part) was the meets just because you work hard during practice and it pays off in the meets. I wanted to play varsity or one of the top spots and I did play varsity and I was spot number three. I took tennis lessons once a week before the season started. I work at Seven Flags and play there a lot also."



"My funniest memory is when (junior) Sarah Sauber called me 'no back'. She called me that because I hurt my back when I was playing in Fort Dodge and she said for me to pretend like I had no back so I wouldn't focus on the pain. Another time when we were playing my skirt flew up and everyone called me 'slide show'."

Junior Varsity

Katie Petersen, '03

Tera Verrant, '02

Junior Varsity

people to come to our meets and support us (the tennis team)." ~Junior Laura Skow

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Sports

Leading The Way

Dedicated seniors paved the way for success during a record-breaking track season.

The track season was a very successful one considering the team won five invitationals, which was more than any other year. The team owed their success to the seniors, according to Coach George Sypniewski.

"The attitude of the seniors was different (this year)," said Sypniewski. "(The seniors) weren't outstanding they were athletes willing to work really, really hard."

Freshman Sam Ites said that the seniors were leaders in practice also. "During warm-ups and stretches, they (the seniors) got us motivated," said Ites. "They would yell to get us excited and that excitement helped us to finish out practice well."

The seniors played a big role in the team's record breaking season, according to sophomore Andrew Goodman. "(The seniors') individual efforts helped bring the team's overall ranking up," said Goodman.

Overall, the seniors made a large contribution to the team and the records that were broken helped to show it. *spread by Adam Roger Horning*

Varsity



Flying through the sky...

junior Eric Krofta tries to clear the bar in the high jump event. "I like the high jump because I can jump high, and that's an advantage, but the real reason I do it is because I want to break my brother's record," said Krofta. *photo by A. Horning*

Soaring like Superman...

freshman Chris Gass jumps into the sand pit. Gass jumped for the freshmen team but he also participated on the varsity team. *photo by Adam Horning*



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Boone Invite... First
Johnston Inv... First
Urbandale Dist... Eighth
Urbandale Inv... Sixth
Valley Invite... Fifth

* Senior Scott VerMum broke the school record in the 400 meter dash with a time of 48.76. He also placed first at state competition in the same event.

* Senior Quinn

Sypniewski broke the school record in the discus with a distance of 177'3"

* Seniors Cory Campbell, Joe Townsend and VerMum and junior Matt O'Hollearn broke the school record in the 800 meter relay with a time of 1:29.90.

* Seniors Townsend, VerMum and Kai Carlson and junior O'Hollearn broke the school record in the 1600 meter relay with a time of 3:23.09.

* Senior E. J. Runyan broke the school record in the WC 100 with a time of 17.3, the WC 200 with a time of 31.39, the WC discus with a distance of 80' and the WC shotput with a distance of 29'4". He was also state champ in the WC 100, 200, 800 and discus.

* State qualifiers were seniors Campbell, Carlson, Jonathan Hardy, Marcus Iwig, Runyan, Sypniewski, Townsend, VerMum, Jason Wheeler and juniors Jared Haag, O'Hollearn, and Bart Whippis.



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Taking long strides...

senior Mike Skinner runs the 100 meter dash at a meet in Boone. Skinner said that the 100 is the hardest race because it's so fast. *photo by Michelle Collignon*

"Overall, it was a good season. We won more meets than we have any other year. The team

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Track, boys



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Heaving the shot put...

sophomore David Remer lets out a yell during a freshmen and sophomore meet at Lincoln. "It (yelling) gets you more excited to throw. I think it helps you throw farther," said Remer. photo by Van Holmgren

Trying to keep pace...

senior Marcus Iwig runs against other high schools in the 4 x 800 at the Drake Relays. The other three Johnston runners in the race were senior Kai Carlson and juniors Matt O'Hollearn and Ryan Johnson. "It was the most exciting and memorable race I've ever participated in," said Iwig. photo by Michelle Collignon

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VARSITY

• Members of the track team that participated in the Drake Relays were seniors Cory Campbell, Joe Townsend, Marcus Iwig, Kai Carlson, Scott VerMulm and Quinn Sypniewski, juniors Bart Whipps, Jared Haag, Matt O'Hollearn and Ryan Johnson and freshman Jon Evans.

JUNIOR VARSITY

• Many personal bests of the sophomores were set at junior varsity meets. • The junior varsity team was comprised of mostly sophomores.

SOPHOMORE

• During the track season, a prank was played on sophomore Jeff Lynch. A few track members stole a football from Lynch and he couldn't find it for two weeks. Eventually the conspirators spoke up and told Lynch that Coach Spencer Evans was hiding it, according to Ryan Davis.

FRESHMEN

• Many school records were broken on the freshmen team. The following freshmen members all broke records; group events: Jordan Huewe, Pat Ryerson, Jason Ward, Chris Gass (800 relay), Huewe, Ward, Jon Evans, Peter Christakos (1600 medley), Ryerson, Gass, Evans, Stewart Nelson (400 relay), Evans, Ryerson, Ward, Gass (1600 relay); individual events: Ryerson (Long Jump, 110 high hurdles, 200 dash, 400 meter low hurdles), Nelson (discus), Ward (high jump) and Christakos (3200 meter run).

Varsity

Matt Skeens, '00

"It was unbelievable when us distance runners ran the JV 4 x 100 meter relay and dominated the event. It goes to show that we have the biggest guts of them all. We can run two miles in one night and still come back and beat most of the dedicated sprinter teams in their own forte."

"Track was good except I had the shortest shorts and I was the tallest; at least I wasn't as lanky as (senior) Jonathan Hardy. I got the shortest shorts because I'm a distance runner. I didn't get husky kids shorts. Those are for the field event people, also known as the bigger or hefty kids."



Brad Thompson, '02



"At the beginning of the year my coach told me that I wouldn't be able to throw over 41 feet in order to letter. That kind of motivated me to want to throw farther. I ended up throwing 43 feet toward the end of the season. I felt like I accomplished something that someone said I couldn't do."

Sophomore

"In the middle of practice once (senior) Brett Carlson pulled down (freshman) Andy Uchyt'il's shorts and boxers. The coaches didn't notice, and Andy didn't know that his boxers were down too, so he just stood there for a few seconds. The people that noticed were laughing and making fun of him."



Junior Varsity

Brad Paul, '01

Tyler Scott, '03

Freshman

had fun but also did well in the meets." ~Sophomore Michael Goellner

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Sports

Staying Strong

With top senior runners gone, the team became dominated by powerful freshmen and sophomore runners.

Starting the season with 20 freshmen and only five seniors proved to be a challenge to the whole team.

"At the beginning, the older girls were fearful that we wouldn't have a good season because of the new, young teammates. Yet, we overcame our fear when the girls stepped up at every meet and pushed themselves to make good times. They were always there to accomplish something and not goof off," said junior Sarah Kiester.

Besides older teammates having to adjust to the new inexperience, the underclassmen had to show that they could make it. "We aren't a strong team because everyone is so young and it affected our times. The new people had to push harder than usual to help the whole team stay at top spots. It would have been better with more older influences to motivate us to be better runners," said freshman Kellie Durand.

Despite some early difficulties, the team came through and had a season that was better than what they expected. *spread by Emily Hoffman*

Varsity



Finishing her leg of the race...

freshman Amanda Freese hands off the baton to her teammate, freshman Jessica Flanigan, in the 4X800. "In practice we had to run three 600's in a row and by the end I felt like dropping dead," said Flanigan. *photo by Emily Hoffman*

Crouching low to the ground...

sophomore Elizabeth Guns positions herself to throw the shotput. "The only reason I wanted to be in track was to get stronger for basketball," said Guns. *photo by Emily Hoffman*



Stretching before her race...

freshman Meredith Mertz warms up at Districts. Mertz ran on the 4X800 team with three other freshmen. *photo by Emily Hoffman*

Bauer	Fifth
Johnson	First
Watkins	First
Bondurant	
Farrar	Third
Serada	First
Carlisle	First
Hoover	Third
Conference	Seventh
Districts	Seventh

* Junior Kristin Way earned a first place finish and accomplished her best time of the season in the 400 meter dash with a time of 1:04:06 at the Carlisle meet.

* Eight of the members from the track team took part in the Drake Relays. They were senior Monica Inge, juniors Sarah Kiester, Kristin Way, Kari Boscaljon and Kelli Ryan and sophomores Lindsey Way, Kristin Foshe and Lindsey Ruisch.

* The team hoped to qualify in seven events at state, but settled for only five. They were the distance medley relay, 100 meter dash, 200 meter dash, high jump and the 400 meter hurdles.

* The distance medley team of juniors Kristin Way and Sarah Kiester and sophomores Lindsey Ruisch and Lindsey Way placed eighth and set a new school record at state.

* Junior Kari Boscaljon set a school record and achieved her personal goal by jumping 5'3" in the high jump at the Hoover meet. She jumped 5'2" at Districts and became District champion. She also placed 11th at state in high jump.

"This was more of a rebuilding year because we lost so many powerful runners.



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Reaching back for the baton...

senior Monica Inge starts running as junior Kelli Ryan hands her the baton. "The hardest part of the season was in the middle when we had meet after meet. It was tiring and repetitious. I had to keep myself focused to keep good times for upcoming Districts," said Inge. *photo by Jessie Madole*

Eying the finish line...

freshman Joanne VanVleet stretches her legs while looking down the length of the track to prepare herself before running in the 100 meter hurdles. Freshmen and sophomores were given the chance to run on varsity at meets due to the lack of juniors and seniors that were on the team. *photo by Emily Mae Hoffman*



JUNIOR VARSITY

- At the Carlisle meet junior Sarah Kiester earned a first place victory in the 800 meter run with a time of 2:30.79. Kiester also participated in the Drake Relays in the 4X100 meter relay with junior Kristin Way and sophomores Lindsey Way and Lindsay Ruisch.
- Sophomore Elizabeth Guns' most memorable moment throughout the season was when sophomore Mary Kuster would throw exactly one foot farther than her in the shotput event at every meet without ever working as hard as Guns in practice.

SOPHOMORE

- Sophomore Lindsay Ruisch qualified for state at the conference meet in the 200 meter dash. Ruisch ranked 11th among state competitors.
- Sophomore Lindsey Way placed 17th in the 100 meter dash at state. Way had an average time of 13 seconds throughout the season.

FRESHMEN

- Keeping up a team tradition, upperclassmen hung every freshmen's bra up on a fence at the Nevada meet for their freshmen initiation. The freshmen were too embarrassed to show people whose bras they were, so they wouldn't go take them down until right before they left.
- Freshmen Julie Crow, Holly Ross, Stacey Johnson and Meredith Mertz ran in the 4X800 meter relay. They missed qualifying for state by 17 - hundredths of a second. Mertz felt their team understood each other well which allowed them to have such a successful season.

Varsity

Micaelah Morrill, '00

"The hardest part of the season for me was adapting to the different techniques of training that we did during practice. The practices became much more painful because we had to run greater distances. We weren't use to the new way of training and it made everyone push themselves harder to succeed."

"This season everyone worked really hard during practices. We had a smaller team and everyone tried their best. Our hard work showed at the meets because we placed high most of the time. Everyone goofed off on the bus to the meets then because we were always prepared before."



Stacey Johnson, '03



"This was my first year in high school track and I thought it was a lot more pressure, but in a good way. The practices were tough because we ran a lot of long distances, which wore me out. I also got really jumpy before my races because I worried about doing good in front of a lot of people who were watching me."

"At our first Johnston meet, I had to wear my hat and gloves in my race because it was so cold outside. I thought it was funny because it was spring and I was freezing to death. Every time I think of this track season, I think of that meet where everyone was running with heavy clothes on."

Varsity

Varsity

Kristin Foshe, '02



Elizabeth Andrews, '01



Junior Varsity

We had to start all over to make a focused team that did well." ~Sophomore Danielle Katch

Student Opinion on...

Elian Gonzalez

- "I think it's stupid because the government got way too involved in the whole thing. They made it more political than what it is, a family issue. They don't even care about what he is thinking, they just do what they want."
- **Faith Hall, '01**

Growing Strong

As the team reached for their goal, they got to regionals and regained strength.

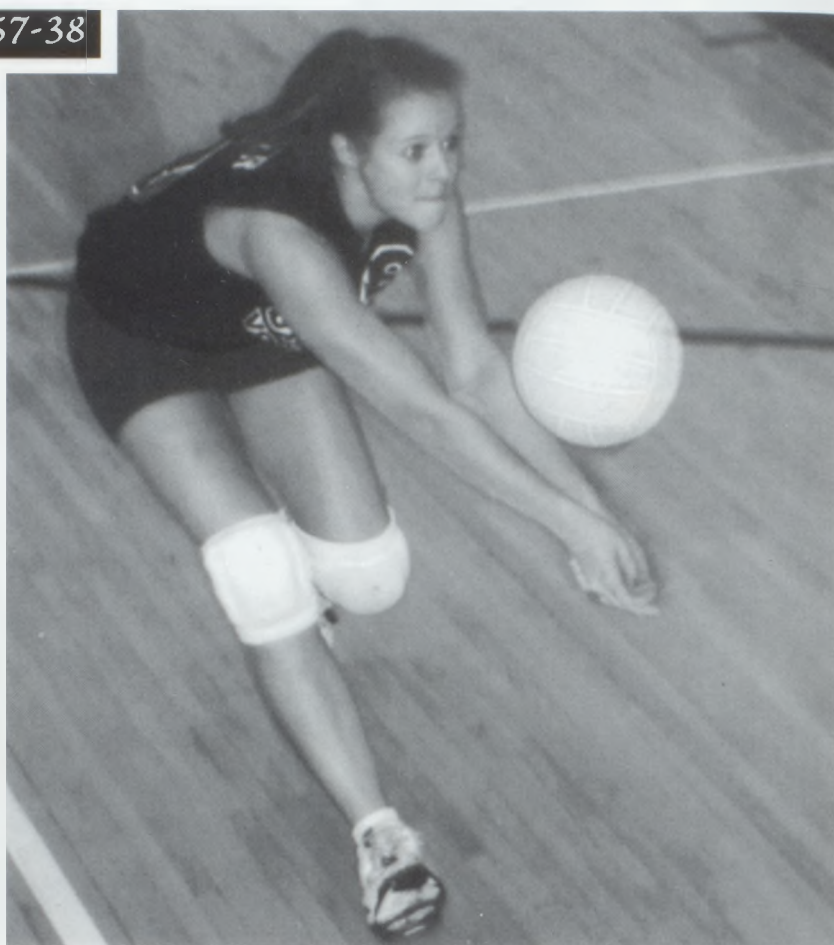
It started as a season of rebuilding. "I think going into the season we knew we would have to grow," said coach Rick Brooks. "I wanted to be competitive in conference and we were."

Then they had to start preparing for regionals. At regionals, they beat Hoover and Valley in the first two matches. The third match against Boone was a long, close game. "The first part of the match I felt really good. I was pretty sure we would win. The second half I got anxious," said junior Jami Shackelford.

The match ended in the fifth game with a score of 12-15. Some areas could have been worked on. "I think we could have improved (serving) in some of the games," said senior Monica Inge.

That was the last match of the season. Senior Ashley Bengard said, "All the seniors stayed in the locker room after the game. We told our thoughts about the season and about how we would never play for the Dragons again or with each other as a team." *spread by Jessica Madole*

Varsity 57-38



Bumping the ball...

junior Sarah Kiester practices passing before a varsity game. This was Kiester's first year on varsity. Like many other players, she set goals. "My goal was to play well on a team with girls I haven't played with before," said Kiester. *photo by Michelle Collignon*

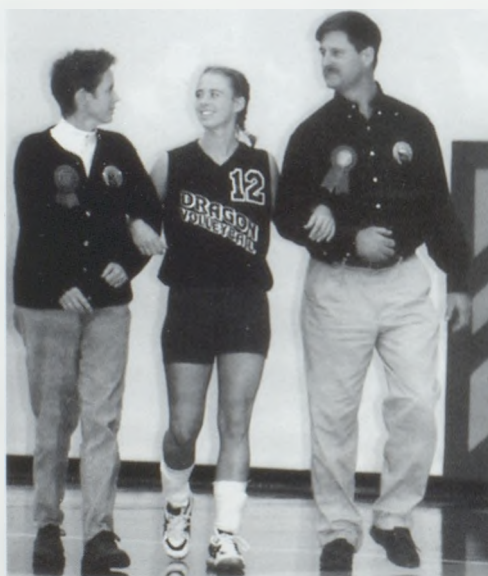
On senior night...

senior Melissa Ward walks in with her parents, Sherry and Charles. "I liked all of us being recognized together. It was our night," said Ward. *photo by Michelle Collignon*

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C.R. Xavier 1 1	St. Helen 0 2	Valley 3 0
Port Madison 1 1	Oskaloosa 0 2	Marshalltown 1 3
Des Moines 1 2	Pella Christian 1 1	Hannover 3 0
C.R. Jefferson 0 2	Centerville 2 0	Valley 3 0
Mason City 3 0	S.B. Polk 2 0	Boone 2 3
Newton 3 2	Marshalltown 0 2	
North Polk 2 0	Oskaloosa 0 2	
Colo. Nemo 2 0	Pinefield 2 0	
Bondurant 2 0	Ames 0 3	
G.P. Baptist 2 0	Muscatine 3 0	
Quincy 2 1	Boone 0 2	
Urbandale 2 3	S.B. Polk 2 0	
William Christian 3 0	Waukee City 2 0	
Ankeny 0 3	Oskaloosa 1 2	
Iowa Falls 0 2	Boone 2 1	

Senior Monica Inge made first team All-Conference. Sophomore Kristin Chaney made second team All-Conference.

Seniors Ashley Bengard, Nikki Thies and Missy Ward got honorable mentions.



Ready to receive...

freshman Meredith Mertz extends her arms for the ball, while freshman captain Erin McGowan makes sure Mertz is ready. *photo by Jessica Madole*

"(The best thing was) being together on the bus and laughing about anything. People would

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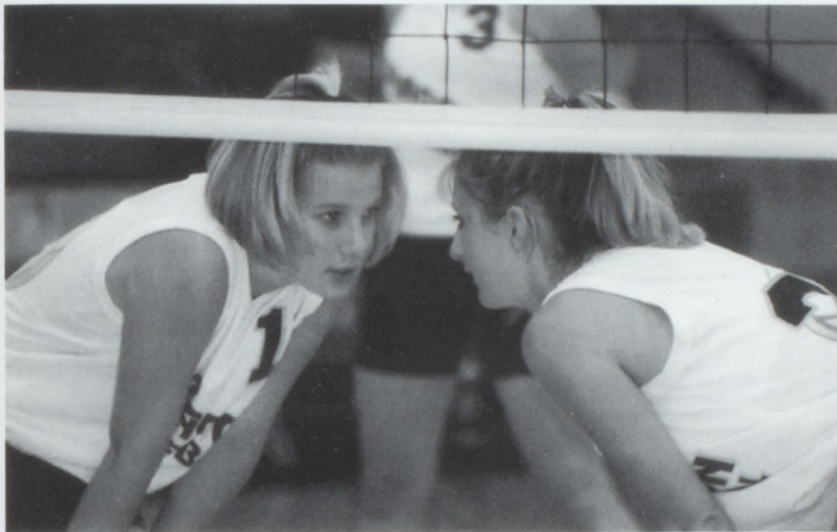
Ready for the serve...

- sophomore Lindsay Sleep and freshman Stacey Johnson get into position during a sophomore game.
- Sleep and Johnson both dressed for varsity, also. Sleep said, "My goals were to work better as a team, to have stronger hitting and better serving." photo by M. Collignon

Discussing the game...

juniors Ellen Schoville and Sara Bjornson stand prepared for the next play. Bjornson said that to prepare for the games, the team had strenuous but fun workouts. Schoville said, "I had a lot more fun (this year) and we were able to play with our friends." photo by Michelle Collignon

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JUNIOR VARSITY

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- The team was close and did activities together outside of school. Junior Sarah Skinner thought that the pasta dinners were some of the best times that the players had.
- They defeated Valley one game this season and it was one of the team's most memorable games. Junior Tara McGowan thought it gave them a chance for some good competition.

SOPHOMORE

15-4-7

- A very memorable game was at the Oskaloosa tournament. They split with Pella Christian and also beat Oskaloosa. Previously, at the Johnston Tournament, they had lost to both teams.
- Sophomore Anne Paulsen remembered one of the team's best times. At practice they poured water on their coach Mary VanHeukelom. There was no reason why they did this except to have fun.

FRESHMEN

17-12-2

- The team had a pizza party that was held on Nov. 9 at the Tavern. It was one of the most fun things they did during their season. At the pizza party, awards were given out to the players with their own achievements on it.
- Two new coaches were added along with the new team. They were coach Jackie Sapp and assistant coach Amy Lane.
- The team had to have a scheduled team meeting to solve their fighting.

Varsity

Kristin Chaney, '02

"We had a great season. I wish we would have gone to state, but I enjoyed getting to go to regional finals. The team goals were to be focused and intense while still having fun. We got a lot better at working together. At the end of the season we really became a team instead of individuals."

"(My goal was) to improve my passing this year. I became front row hitter and worked hard at that. I have never played it and it is hard for someone of my height. We weren't winning and that was frustrating, but as a team, we beat Valley one game. That is a really good feeling considering how well they play."



Chelcie Goedken, '02



"Our practices had good intensity levels and we were constantly working hard so we would be prepared for the next match. This being my first season with the Johnston volleyball program, I focused on getting to know the coaches, members and plays. Also, I have always been working on improving my skills."

"(At first) we always yelled at each other at practice. When practice started we all blamed each other for our mistakes and didn't take responsibility for our actions. We put pressure on others and told each other what to do. We finally talked it out and had more patience with each other."

Sophomore

Junior Varsity

Haley Wheeler, '01

Jessica Hall, '03

Freshmen

be wild and crazy. You never knew what was going to happen." ~Sophomore Elizabeth Guns

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Sports

Staying Fit

Many students continued the tradition of the annual field trip to Sleepy Hollow Sports Park for skiing, tubing and snowboarding.

The overhead speaker cut the silence in third hour classes on Monday, Feb. 21 to excuse all students participating in the P.E. field trip. The students had three choices of what to do at Sleepy Hollow Sports Park. The unusual warm weather during December and February posed a problem for Sleepy Hollow. Trying to keep the snow on the ground was a chore in itself. In spite of all the problems, the annual trip was not canceled.

"I went snowboarding with (freshmen) John Burns and Eric White. If I had the chance to go again, I would. This time the slopes were slushy and it would have been better if it was just a little bit colder," said sophomore Jeremy Leonard.

The weather caused many skiers and snowboarders to have difficulty on the slopes. The group left the park with only four reported injuries. *spread by Emma Stone*

Flying over the moguls..

freshman Jordon Huewe skis at Sleepy Hollow. The field trip was an opportunity for all students to learn a new sport or to work on perfecting their techniques. Monday was also an early dismissal day for the rest of the school as well as Presidents' Day. *photo by Lena Rydberg*

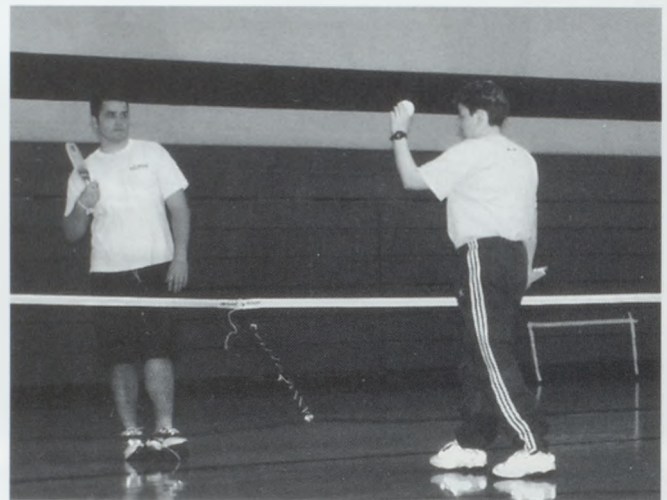


Preparing to go outside..

junior Kyle Beach and senior David Kesse get their cooking stove ready to make noodles. Beach and Kesse participated in block P.E. Option III. This class was taught by gym teacher Dave Beason and was focused around outdoor activities like camping, hiking and canoeing. *photo by Lena Rydberg*

Getting the rules of a new game..

gym teacher Beth Ward explains how to play the new game, pickleball. Ward read the rules to her sixth hour class. Then Ward used sophomore Dan Rude to demonstrate how the game is played. Pickleball is a cross between tennis and badminton. The game uses a whiffle ball and a wooden paddle. *photo by Emma Stone*



"To keep in shape outside of school I lift and run. After school I lift with sophomores Luke Hukee and John Sparland. Also, I run Tuesday through Thursday mornings with a bunch of guys, to play soccer."



'02 GRANT TURNER



"To keep in shape for all my school sports I play indoor soccer, run and play volleyball. I play soccer for the team called the Johnston Babes. I also play for a club volleyball team. That helps me to stay active for volleyball."

'03 ERIN MCGOWAN





"One funny memory that I have from Foods I is when I was cooking with (sophomore) Jeff Kranz and (freshman) Blake Peterson. I would dare them to eat anything. Blake and Jeff would eat things right off the grill without a plate. Some of the stuff was really gross. The whole class would laugh at them.

Nick Haney, '02

Carrie Davis, '00

"If I could change one thing about the class, Textiles and Design, I would take out some of the bookwork that we have to do and add in more sewing. I would make the class longer and use the time to do more hands-on stuff. The book doesn't help me to visualize it as much as doing the pattern or design actually."



Working on a resume...

senior Cory Briggs and junior Will Hansen work in their Adult Living workbooks. The class spent the day on making resumes and adding things to make them look better. Adult Living helped juniors and seniors prepare for the future. They learned how to manage their time better on their own. *photo by Emma Stone*

Adult Living



Flipping her crepes...

sophomore Elyse Green uses a skillet and spatula to brown both sides of the crepe. The students added ice-cream or powdered sugar. Foods I concentrated on basic cooking skills so that they would be prepared to cook on their own. The class balanced worksheets, movies and hands-on activities. *photo by Van The Man*

Foods I



For a twist on the class...

freshmen Janel Brown and Tasha VanDyke use the computers to create a slide show. F.A.C.S. stands for Family Consumer Science Fundamentals. The class focused on nutrition and basic cooking skills. "My favorite food that we made was homemade ice cream," said freshman Jenna Barnett. *photo by Michelle Collignon*

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Lying on the floor...

senior Mike Thomsen shows the class how hard it is for pregnant women to sleep. Thomsen modeled the empathy belly which was a simulation that let teenagers see and feel what it's like to be pregnant. Thomsen was the only guy to model the belly. The class also watched a movie about pregnancy. *photo by Emma Stone*

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Academics

Lasting Memories

Coach Frank Baltzley had 32 years filled with enjoyable memories that will never be forgotten.

After 32 years as a wrestling coach, Baltzley retired. He finished as one of only nine coaches in Iowa to reach 300 wins.

Baltzley had many memories. He remembered a dual meet in 1974 with Norwalk. It was a meet with four number-one rated wrestlers from Johnston competing against three number-one rated wrestlers from Norwalk. Johnston won all the tough battles, but ended up losing the dual by three points.

Another memory was about a former wrestler. Baltzley said, "(Graduate) Aaron Tony went out to wrestle during a meet and he had his singlet on inside-out and all of his teammates teased him. He was so mad that he pinned his man right away and then hurried into the locker room to change."

Wrestlers also had memories of Baltzley. Freshman Zach Forbes said, "He (Baltzley) always jokes around at practice, says sarcastic things and finds some way to criticize someone. We all take it as a joke and make fun of him back."

Baltzley finished his career being the only coach in Iowa to lead a team in 1A, 2A and 3A levels. *spread by Julia Serbus*

Varsity 7-25

Screaming words of wisdom...

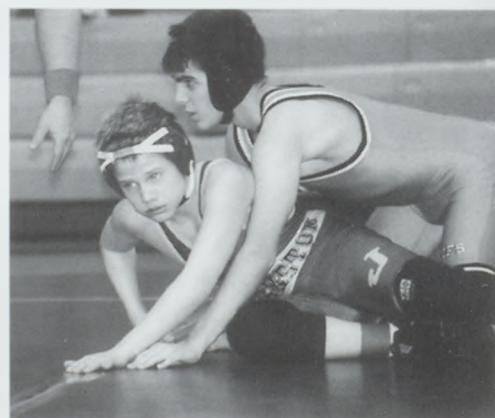
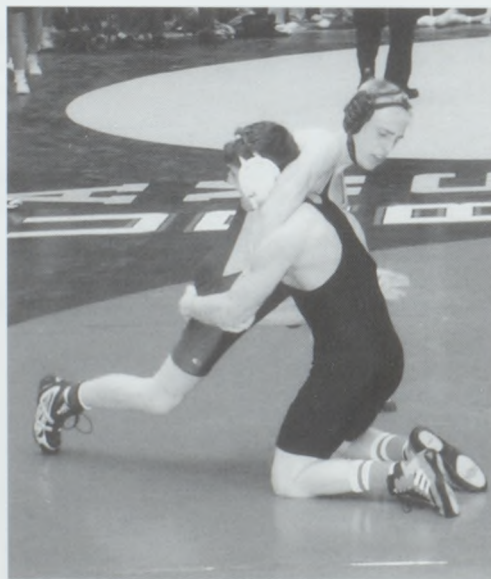
wrestling coach Frank Baltzley yells advice to one of his wrestlers at a home meet. Baltzley said, "(I hope I taught the wrestlers) sportsmanship, to be gentlemen and how to win and lose." *photo by Matt Ring*



At the state wrestling meet...

senior Cody Lowman makes an advance on his opponent on the first day of competition. Lowman went to state his freshman, junior and senior years. *photo by Mike Skinner*

Norwalk..... 9 53	Urbandale..... 20 46	Boone Town..... sixth
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Mason City..... 30 42	Indianola..... 25 40	Districts..... sixth
Urbandale..... 7 61	Newton..... 6 56	State Tourna..... forty fifth
Roosevelt..... 37 27	South Tama..... 15 51	◆ Senior Cody Lowman wrestled a student from Clinton in his first round at state and had one turn-over, one reversal, one escape and one point for a penalty from his opponent.
Adel D.M..... 29 45	Adel D.M..... 24 35	◆ Junior Jon Lewton had five turn-overs in the first consolation round, second match at state. He won the match by four points.
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Valley..... 13 51	Valley..... 12 49	
Clear Falls..... 9 51	Marshalltown..... 18 42	
Muscatine..... 15 48	Boone..... 13 50	



Freshman Blake Hainline...

tries to maneuver his way out and escape from his opponent from Ames. Hainline wrestled in the 103 lbs. weight class. *photo by Matt Ring*

"Coach (Robb) Boley always said that Marilyn Manson was his favorite woman singer and it

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Warming up his muscles...

junior Aaron Madison runs laps before a home meet. The team ran laps together and then they stretched

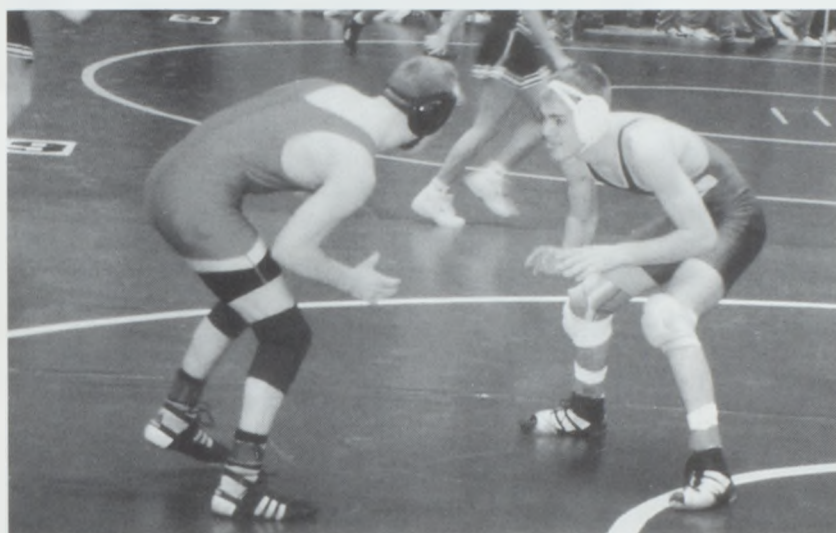
- on their own for five or 10 minutes
- prior to every meet. Madison wore the same t-shirt to warm-up in every meet and wrestled for the varsity team in the 135 lbs. weight class.

photo by Matt Ring

In a neutral position...

junior Jon Lewton wrestles at the state meet on Feb. 24, the first day of the competition. Lewton wrestled in the 140 lbs. weight class. He said, "The best part about going to state was the excitement that you get when you wrestle in front of everyone." Lewton also went to state his sophomore year.

photo by Mike Skinner



VARSITY

• During the Carlisle Invite, which took place on Dec. 11, sophomore Sean McAndrew became injured with a bad sprained ankle.

• Sophomore Cory Bengtson had a record composed of 10 wins and 26 losses. His fastest pin was in 11 seconds. This was Bengtson's first year wrestling and he wrestled in the 189 lbs. weight class.

• Freshman Stewart Nelson was one of the five freshmen that received playing time for varsity. The four other wrestlers who got playing time were Blake Hainline, Aaron Shields, Mike Carnes and Zach Forbes.

• For the second year in a row, sophomore Jason McKeever ruptured a bursa sac. McKeever had 12 wins, seven of which were pins.

JUNIOR VARSITY

• Freshman Seth VanRoekel made two goals he wanted to accomplish. They were to win one tournament and to have a winning record, both of which he met. VanRoekel's record was 18 wins and nine losses and his fastest pin was 33 seconds against a wrestler from Muscatine. He wrestled at 119 lbs. all year except at the very first meet, which he wrestled at 125 lbs.

• Carnes wrestled in the 112 lbs. weight class. He also had a winning record. Pinning a student from Saydel in 21 seconds was his fastest pin.

• Sophomore Patricia Dickerson was the manager for the JV team. She also helped junior Michelle Fergesen, the varsity manager. Dickerson managed at her old school, Colfax Mingo, in eighth grade.

Varsity

Royce VanRoekel, '01

"I'd have to say I ended the season with fifth place at districts. I only had two wins this year, which is really bad, but they (the wins) were at the most important meet of this year. I have learned to never give up. You always gotta stick with it no matter how hard it gets. You do it for yourself and also for the team."

"We (the wrestling team) had a lot of fun, even though we lost a lot of meets. The people made it fun because we just messed around with each other all the time. I learned that you can not complain about losing if you don't work hard. My goal was to place at districts, and I did, in the heavy weights."



Aaron Shields, '03

Varsity

"My favorite part of this year's season was the new experiences and learning new techniques that I didn't know and how to deal with coaches, from upperclassmen. My goals this year were to keep up with the other wrestlers in my weight class, to letter which I did, and to improve on my skills."



"My favorite part of this season was learning moves and more about wrestling because it was my first year. I learned that wrestling is tough and no matter how hard you wrestle and think you're good, there is someone better than you. And no matter how bad you think you are there is someone that is worse than you."



Varsity

JR Mundy, '02

Andrew Goodman, '02

Junior Varsity



would make JR Mundy really mad because he likes Manson a lot." ~Junior Michelle Fergesen



The Inn at Merle Hay Salutes
the Johnston **DRAGONS** !



In the midst of confusion and deterioration the staff was given the

Wrap Up

The staff went into the summer with six editors and emerged with three. Because of the loss, the remaining editors struggled to plan the schedule for the year while the rest of the staff sat back, waiting for instruction.

Composed of mostly new members, the staff's deadlines took a back seat in order to show new members the ropes. Actions were not without consequences as the staff struggled to complete the remaining deadlines.

Junior Jen Wiley received first place in the Quill & Scroll National Award for feature writing in a story she wrote for the 1999 yearbook. Nationwide there were 1,365 applicants in the competition.

During the spring, a computer virus infected the lab, causing the printer to stop working. The staff tried to minimize lost time by hand-writing revisions while doing their best to figure out the printer's problem.

spread by Ring...Dennis...Horning



Calling long distance back home...

sophomore Kat Kellogg talks with her junior boyfriend Colby Despotovich, of Ankeny. She called him during the National Scholastic Press Conference in Atlanta, Georgia. Sophomore Amy Dennis said, "I think she called Colby every night. She probably missed out on more fun things because she would have rather talked to Colby than hang out with the rest of us, but it was ok. A lot of my friends are 'married' in that way." photo by Matt Ring



Caressing the printer...

sophomore Julia Serbus and junior Sarah Sauber try anything to get the printer to work faster and print their page. Sophomore Marissa Stetson said, "It was really frustrating because we would print our stuff and then we would have to wait forever for it to come out." photo by Amy Dennis

Student Opinion on...

"I think that overall, the school spends their money well. But I think that they need to give more money to the band because we need a trailer to haul all of our stuff around."

School Spending Money Wisely

Jay Messerly, '03

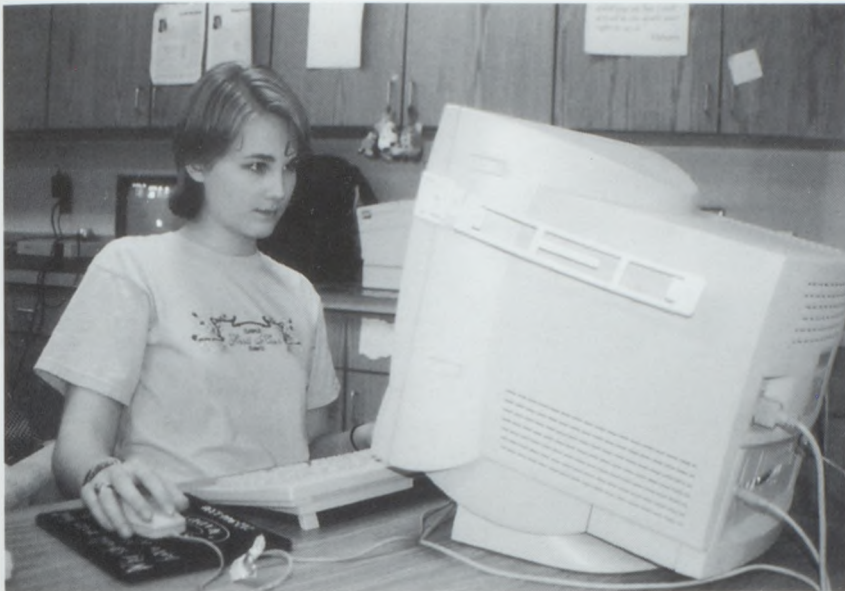
opportunity to rebuild and redesign the operations of Yearbook.

Getting ready to crop a photo...

senior Courtney Howard sets the cropper on the picture. Junior Emily "Blue" Hoffman said, "I like to crop because it is the easiest part of my page. Unfortunately, I have to take the pictures first." photo by Matthew Ring

Working diligently on the computer...

sophomore BreeAnn Williams completes her page by the deadline. "It pissed me off that we never got our layouts till the last second, and by then, the next deadline was right around the corner," said Williams. photo by Adam Horning



Matthew Ring, senior

"It was difficult making arguments with the other editors because the female persuasion tends to defend each other and 82.3% of the class was female, so it was very difficult getting a word in."



Megan Stetson, senior

"We had three editors looking at pages, but during the year one of our editors took on too much work so he had to stop reading pages. He was still an editor and worked with fonts, computers and zip disks."



Michelle Collignon, senior

"I liked being an editor because I was able to overlook everything, including pictures and layouts. It took up a ton of my time and there were some difficulties brought up, but I think it was a good experience overall."

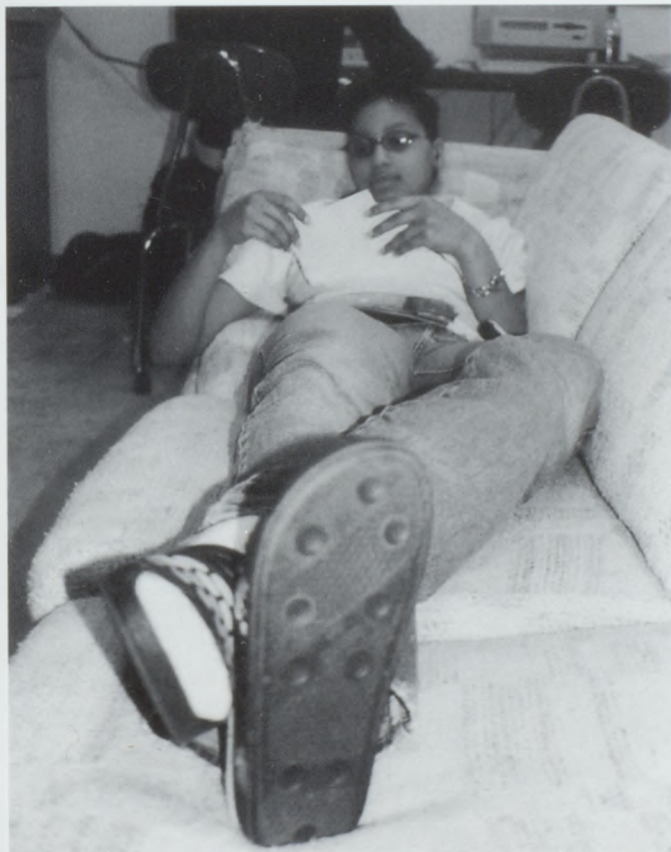


photo by Matthew J. Ring

"It was weird with the first deadline because we weren't sure of what we were doing and the editors tried to help, but it was too confusing. It was a lot different from journalism because then, you just handed in what you wrote originally. Here, you have to go through a ton of revisions to make sure everything was perfect."

Sarah Kesse, '02

Looking through her pictures...

sophomore Jessica Madole relaxes on the couch. This was Madole's first year on yearbook. Sophomore Emma Stone said, "We called the couch Mimi Ci Co. It's suppose to be French for cat pee, because the legend is that someone's cat peed all over it and no one wants to sit on it because it smells and it's a last resort. We all want to sit on the pretty pea green flowered one." photo by Adam Horning

Student Opinion on...

Furby's™

"I have one Furby™. It was okay for the first two days but then it got annoying because of its little voice and it doesn't shut up. It's not what I thought it was, I thought it would repeat stuff that I said, but it didn't." Michelle Mefferd, '03.

Last Months Division

Still wearing her party hat...

senior Shannon McLaughlin cleans up some of the mess made after the clock struck midnight. "I was hoping that New Year's 2000 would be a little more exciting than it turned out to be. There weren't any Y2K problems at all, I thought it was just a bunch of B.S. anyways but I must admit that it would have been sort of exciting," said McLaughlin *photo by Jen Wilcy*



Moving to the rhythm of the night...

junior Eric Quiner beats his heart out during his set with Euphoria. "Dude, Euphoria, it's hard to explain, but when they play man, you just get in with the vibes. All the guys are totally cool and they are really into the music. They are just the epitomy of what I like to call 'mood music.' I like to sit back in the crowd and enjoy the show," said junior Josh Boyd. *photo by Josh Boyd*

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Waiting for some customers to purchase Prom tickets...

senior Ashley Albertson guards the money box carefully. "I liked selling tickets to see who everybody was taking to the dance. Lots of kids tried to get me to give them free tickets but I had to decline each time. Sometimes I think they just wanted to harass me. Usually the ones who asked for free tickets ended up buying them the last day," said Albertson. *photo by Jen Wiley*

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Secretary Jan VerHoef...

shows junior Steven Benn his options for his new schedule on the computer. "I have been helping with self-scheduling forever, as long as we've been doing it," said VerHoef. *photo by Amy Dennis*

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"When a student wants to get in a class that is already overfilled and I have to tell them they can't get into it, that's the hardest part."

~ Jan VerHoef

"I got a good (scheduling) time, but the times could have been closer to when finals got over so I wouldn't have to wait."

~ Matt Volz '01



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Sitting in the library with his schedule and Mrs. Gall Espe...

junior Matt Volz receives his new classes. Self-scheduling lasted three days and the staff helped for three hours each day. *photo by Amy Dennis*

source: www.campaigns2000.com

George W. Bush, Republican, wanted to spread his philosophy about schools, which he spread in Texas. He believed competition was an essential element in education and was in favor of keeping guns out of the hands of people who shouldn't have them. Bush also believed that it was important to get a tax cut.

photo by Lena Rydberg



"I was chosen to go to the Gore rally to hear a Democratic voice. They played music and everyone danced. I thought it was an easy-going environment. I feel like I can make a difference since we had so many people come and talk to us."

Also pictured senior Genevieve Ramsay and junior Kristi Kramer.



photo by Amy Dennis



Michelle Cattoor, '00

"I decided to go to the rally because a lot of my friends were doing campaigns, and I thought it would be fun. I originally went because Mr. (Jay) Shackett was offering extra credit to go, but I ended up doing more credit hours than I needed. When I got involved, you feel like you are taking part to help out your country and you are making a choice." *Also pictured senior Laura Remer.*

photo by Michelle Collignon



photo by Amy Dennis

AL GORE, Democrat, wanted to help communities combat crime and to reform the criminal justice system in order to make it faster, more firm and fair. He supported spending cuts. In Congress Gore fought for tax relief for working families and believed in and also supported medicare. Gore's highest priority was to make the next generation the best-educated ever.

Pictured is junior Anna Johnson.

Ashley Bengard, '00

Mrs. Beth Rydberg

"I came and talked to the journalism department because Mr. (Bruce) Duke told me I should. This issue is important to me because of my job at Heartland. Part of my job is to help kids and teachers to better understand special ed. I think it is good to create awareness of the issue and it was eye-opening for the students to see why this is a problem when we label people because of their religion or disability or whatever."



Courtney Howard '00

"Both the newspaper and yearbook staffs went through sensitivity training. (Senior) Lena Rydberg's mother, Beth Rydberg came to talk to us about different ways we could handle writing stories or taking pictures of people with disabilities. This way we could be more sensitive to their feelings in our publications. I feel I learned a lot and it really got me thinking about the things disabled people must overcome."

Speaking her mind, senior Courtney Howard...

talks to Mrs. Beth Rydberg. Sensitivity training was given to both newspaper and yearbook classes to make them more open to the feelings of others. *photo by Amy Dennis*



1/8



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1/12-1/14

Stressful finals time came around again and took place for three days. On the first two days of testing (Wednesday and Thursday), there were three final periods given, and then on the last day of testing (Friday), the last two finals were taken with a three day weekend to follow.

1/14

Presidential candidate Bill Bradley visited the school as part of the Iowa Caucuses 2001. Bradley spoke in the auditorium from 12 p.m. Bradley was a Democrat and was the only candidate that had a plan to entice new teachers via scholarships and loan forgiveness.

Sophomore Mark Milburn...

and his date, sophomore Meghann Johnson, relax between songs. Before the dance they went out to eat at Macaroni Grill. *photo by Amy Dennis*

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"We came home around one in the morning and Mark's mom made chocolate chip pancakes for breakfast for us."

~ Meghann Johnson, '02

"It was the first dance that I went to and it was fun because Meghann and I went with a whole bunch of fun people."

~ Mark Milburn, '02

spread by Kat & Amy

January

Winter Wonderland was the theme for Winter Formal. The gym was covered in snowflakes, engulfed in blue and white and had a snow-making machine set up by the entrance. The cheerleaders spent their morning decorating the gym and commons area and got credit for the picture backdrop.

photo by Amy Dennis



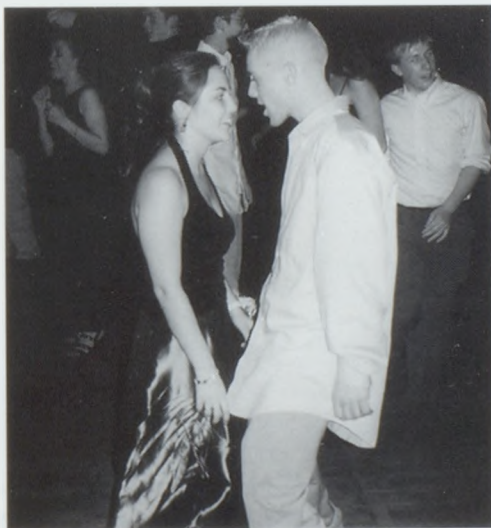
"This dance was cool because they played good music and I had a good date. It was a lot of fun just to hang out with all my friends and have a good time goofing around. After the dance we just hung out at (senior) Emily Garrett's house and watched a movie."

— Lindsay Ruisch, '02

Dancing with her boyfriend...

senior Sarah Coleman smiles at her honey, senior Mason Adams, who attends Madrid High School. "Before the dance we went to Macaroni Grill with four other couples. That was cool because a lady got up on the counter and started singing in Italian," said Coleman. Following dinner they went to the dance. "They (the deejays) played a lot of good music and it is always fun to get a bunch of people together to dance," said Coleman. After the dance Coleman and Adams trekked over to Coleman's house to relax and watch movies. *photo by Amy Dennis*

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Setting up for the big night...

junior Haley Wheeler and sophomore Kristen Kirkpatrick string streamers across the ceiling with help from all the cheerleaders and the cheerleading coaches for the winter formal dance. They were put in charge of finding all of the decorations, getting stuff for the background of the pictures, hiring a deejay and setting up the entire day. "We all pretty much came together and thought of the theme, and once we had that it was easy from there to figure out what was going to go in the background (of the pictures). It was mostly the senior girls who picked out the background though," said Wheeler. *photo by Amy Dennis*

1/20

There was a lunar eclipse that lasted from 9:10p.m. It could be seen from all over the U.S. and parts of Europe. The eclipse occurred when the earth passed directly between the sun and the moon. The earth blocked the sun's rays from reflecting on the moon, making it dark.

1/26

In physical education classes females were given lessons in BRAVE training. In the training the girls learned a few basic self-defense moves to use on an attacker. The program was one day and proved to be something girls enjoyed according to the surveys they took.

1/27

The Special Olympics basketball game took place at Johnston. They played the Marshalltown Bobcats and beat them by three points. The team consisted of nine boys from Johnston and one from Urbandale. The guys practiced every Thursday night for an hour.

1/30

The St. Louis Rams won Super Bowl XXXIV in a close game against the Tennessee Titans. The Rams had a final score of 23-16. Rams quarterback Kurt Warner, a former Iowa Barnstormer, set a new record for the most passing yards in a Super Bowl game and was also MVP.

Robert Plant Abducted



Around 9:22 a.m. on Feb. 3, Robert Plant was taken from its place in Mr. Jay Shackett's room. "I knew who had taken it within a week. They denied it," said Shackett.

On Feb. 4, a letter arrived for Shackett containing a ransom note and a small amount of dirt from the plant to show the severity of the situation.

Through a source referred to as "Deep Leaf," Shackett discovered the whereabouts of his plant on the morning of Feb. 12, the day of senior breakfast. During first period, Shackett strolled into his classroom, carrying the plant in his hands, proclaiming, "You can win the battles, but you can never win the war."

That afternoon, Shackett arrived in his classroom to find his plant missing once more, with no hint of its return.

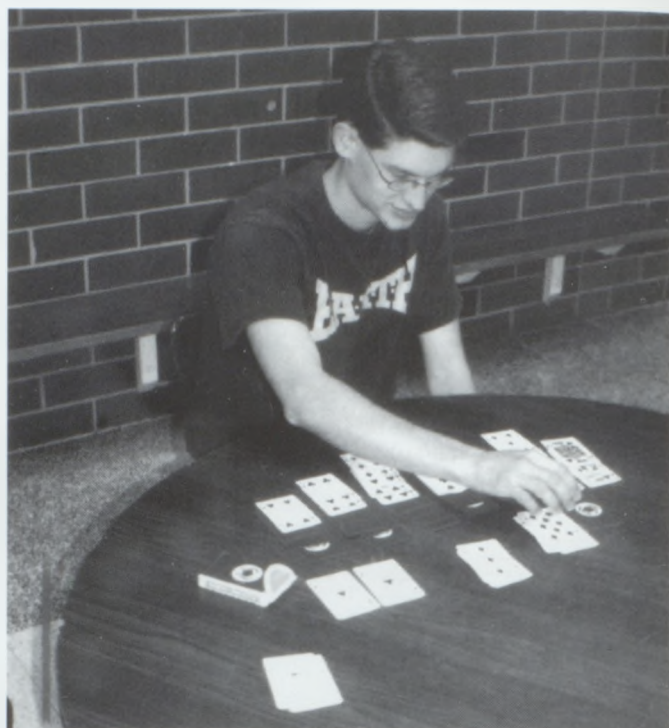
Grabbing for a card...

senior Brett Rathbun participates in the February Funfest homeroom activity by playing solitaire. "It was a needless exercise for high schoolers our age," said Rathbun. Sophomore Jeff Lynch disagreed. "I thought it was a good idea. We don't normally do anything fun in homeroom so this was a change of pace." Lynch and his homeroom, headed by Ms. Michelle Voss, competed against Mrs. Mary VanHeukelom's homeroom in Ultimate Frisbee and Tug-of-War.

photo by Matthew Ring

"I thought it was a waste of time. We didn't do anything but sit and talk, but that's what we normally do. I'd rather have watched a movie or done something that everyone would have liked."

-Katie Reis, '02



Brianna McCarty, '03



"While I was skiing down one of the easy slopes, I hit a bump, lost my balance and landed on my shoulder. I didn't think much of the pain until I got home and it really started to hurt. The next day at school, I left during third period to go to the doctor to find out I sprained it."

Sliding down a mushy hill of melting snow...

freshman Brent Burkund makes a splash into a puddle of water on the P.E. trip to Steepy Hollow Sports Park on Feb. 21. The students attending were let out during third period. "It was a warm day, which was good because I didn't have to put on a ton of layers of clothing. But it made the snow melt, which caused a huge puddle of water at the bottom of the hill," said Burkund. "Everyone I saw was either soaking wet or covered in mud." photo by Lena Rydberg



2/2

For the 100th time, Punxsutawney Phil saw his shadow indicating six more weeks of winter in store. The annual ceremony began in 1886. According to legend popularized by German immigrants, winter would continue for six weeks if the groundhog saw his shadow.

2/3

The Concert/Jazz band performance was interrupted by the announcement that a water pipe had busted in the adjacent room to the stage. The cause was believed to be a music stand propped against a water fountain that, when pulled away, separated the pipe from the fountain.

2/3-2-12



2/14

In Greenville, S.C., a meeting was held at the Chamber of Commerce. Members voted unanimously that the confederate battle flag should not be flying atop the Statehouse in Columbia. A plan was suggested for an alternative memorial for the flag elsewhere on the grounds.

spread by Matt Ring and
Adam Horning

February



Designing one of her many Valentine's Day cards...

freshman Ashley Thompson uses a marker to sketch out a front cover. "I decided that I wanted to create my Valentine's Day cards this year rather than buying them. I thought it would make the gifts more personal and special that way," said Thompson. *photo by Michelle Collignon*

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self portrait by Daniel Weiss

On Monday, Feb. 28, art instructor Daniel Weiss returned to teaching after a six-week leave. Weiss left Jan. 18 to travel to St. Mary's hospital in Rochester, Minnesota, for a surgery to fix a condition called Achalasia, a deterioration of the distal nervous system in the esophagus. "I'd been having trouble getting solids down for three years," said Weiss.

On Jan. 19, Weiss went into the operating room. "It was two-and-a-half hours under the knife, as they say," said Weiss.

After returning home from his surgery, Weiss spent the next five weeks recovering and learning to take in solids once again. "It's been so long for me to be able to eat whatever I wanted, I didn't trust it," said Weiss.

Visiting with Hugs and Kisses...

junior Katie Flatt drops a sack full of chocolates on Mr. Terry Frisch's desk. SADD members sold bags of four Hershey's Kisses and two Hugs for 50 cents. *photo by Matt Ring*

Sorting through a pile of flowers...

senior Melissa Ward counts the number of carnations for NHS before delivering them to a classroom. *photo by Matthew J. Ring*

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"The night before Valentine's Day, (junior) Kaylin Bird and I were up until 2 a.m. putting candy bags together."

-Katie Flatt, 01

"I started to appreciate the work prior classes had done with everything. I didn't realize before how difficult the process really was."

-Melissa Ward, 00

THE DESIGNATED Love Day

"Freshman year, (senior) Mike Skinner gave me a rose because he had a crush on me. I guess I broke his heart by my reaction. This year, he sent me a carnation reminding me of that event."

-Laura Remer

"Before school, I surprised my girlfriend (junior Rachelle Cervetti) at her house with roses. That night, we went out to eat and I gave her a necklace with a heart on it."

-Ramsey Midkiff

2/14



2/16

Des Moines resident, Charles Lamont Lovelady collapsed and died while scuffling with two employees at Graffiti's Dance Club. Police said that Lovelady lost consciousness while being forcibly removed from the club after being asked to leave because he was in violation of the dress code.

2/17

The federal government announced its approval for the release of a vaccine that combats a microbe responsible for roughly one million ear infections each year. The vaccine was estimated to prevent almost 900,000 ear infections each year in children under age five.

2/18

During the broadcast television special, "Who Wants To Marry A Multi-millionaire?", Darva Conger was selected from 49 other contestants by Rick Rockwell, a real estate developer. The marriage took place on national television during the two-hour special.

Facts of the Fire

- ➔ On Mar. 16, there was an electrical fire in the hallway ceiling outside room 420.
- ➔ It was caused because a unit in the ceiling became overheated. When it did, the fire alarms were set off.
- ➔ There was an odor because of the friction caused by a motor designed to move air along throughout the school.

Discussing the problem...

Mr. Marty Harswick, two firemen and two custodians talk about the present dilemma. Sophomore Sean McAndrew went in to make up a Spanish test that morning and was curious why it smelled bad so he asked the fireman to find out for himself. *photo by Julia*



Mr. John Wasson...

balances himself on a ladder trying to detect the problem in the electrical system in the morning before school. Wasson was a janitor who normally worked the late night shift. *photo by Julia Serbus*



photo by Julia Serbus



"I dressed in all green on Tuesday because we didn't have school on St. Patrick's day and I wanted to dress up for the holiday. I could have done it on Thursday but I was going to France. I really enjoy celebrating St. Patrick's day."

Mike Skinner, '00

Confusion

Cafeteria



Reaching for a carton of milk..

junior Lori McCleary tries out the new lunch setup. "I hate it because it gets really crowded especially on the snack side," said McCleary. *photo by Julia Serbus*



"It's kind of confusing. We were so use to the same thing and now they changed it, but it's not that big of a deal. This way you can get your food a lot quicker, because there are two lines, but it's also closer together."

Valerie Lewis, '01



"Don't do this to me, the new lunch line was all my idea. We had to do something to deter from all the theft that was happening. If anyone has any better ideas I'm willing to listen, but this could work if we all cooperate."

Gloria Keenan



"I don't like the new thing because it just makes it harder to get to both sides since they are separated. In my opinion it secludes the chips and makes them even easier to steal than they already were. It isn't helping anything."

Andy Beasmoore, '02

Student

Staff

Student

3/11

A jazz festival in St. Charles, Iowa, took place. Only 18 students out of 22 made the three hour trip to take first place in 4A. They got first in the Sweepstakes and were named best jazz band. Senior Sandeep Rao was named the best musician out of every participating band.

3/16

There was a blood drive for students to give blood, which was organized by NHS and Student Council. If you weren't 18 you had to have parental consent. Students were excused from class to donate and were asked questions concerning their everyday activities to check for diseases.

3/16



3/16-3/20

Sound Advice and Innovation left on Thursday and flew to Orlando, Florida with a flight layover in St. Louis. They performed Friday afternoon at Lpro. They competed against schools from all over the country and placed eighth overall, missing the finals by one place.

Waiting for their plane..

sophomore Debbie Anderson and juniors Kelli Ryan and Elizabeth Wyatt (Urbandale student) look at German chocolate they bought from the Frankfurt airport. photo by M. Skinner

"When I was in France it was really funny because we were all sitting outside the Pantalon and we heard a plop sound. When I turned around there was bird poop on the back of (junior) Jen Wiley's neck."

Sophomore Debbie Anderson

spread by Julia Serbus and Kat Kellogg

March

Spring break started on Thursday the 17th and went through the following week. Some students went to Costa Rica, Spain or France with the foreign language program. Others hung with friends and/or worked.

Abby DeWitt '02

"We drove down in (Ankeny student) Matt Lewis' van, and we stopped at the covered bridges to take pictures. When we got there we built a bonfire and made s'mores. Then we grilled out. After that we went fishing at a pond nearby and caught a whole bunch of fish. On the way home we all fell asleep in the tick-infested van."

Aiming for the flying target..

sophomore Abby DeWitt gets ready to shoot skeet with the help of sophomore Kat Kellogg's uncle, Louie Mayfield. DeWitt took a one hour road trip to a town close to Osceola, Iowa, to Mayfield's cabin for an entire day. photo by Kat Kellogg



Spring Break in Spain

* They got on and off their means of transportation almost 60 times.

* Several students went to Africa for a day. Junior Josten Foley bought bongos. He played them on the balcony late that night and woke up the entire hotel.

* Mrs. Pam Barnes received a stick as a gag gift.

* They stayed at four hotels in Spain and one in Chicago. Two to four people were in each room.

* No freshmen went on the trip to Spain.

* Sophomore Tim Hilby stood in a different line to get his plane ticket and ended up with Norman Scott's ticket. His nickname was Norm for the rest of the trip.

* The only item lost on the trip was sophomore Courtney Douglass' pillow.

* Senior Eric Fritz swam in the Mediterranean even though the water was freezing because of a dare from Mr. Jerry Stratton.

* Junior Victoria Brenton tried to barter with her seashells, but no one would.



Participating in pep band..

many students cheer on the varsity boys' basketball team on their way to state. The pep band went to every regional game except for the championship. photo by Matt Putney

3/20



The varsity boys' basketball team played Iowa City West in the championship game for the state tournament. The score was 58-43 resulting in a 13 point loss for the Dragons. The game was held at Veterans Memorial Auditorium. The team's finishing record was 22-3 and they placed second in state.

3/26

The 72nd annual Academy Awards took place. The best picture and best directing job was by *American Beauty*. Kevin Spacey got the award for best actor in a leading role. The best actress in a leading role was Hilary Swank and the best visual effects went to *The Matrix*.

3/26

11/4-3/25

This was the year for the Cyclones. The women's Iowa State basketball team made it to the Sweet 16. They lost by one to Pennsylvania State in their final game. The men's Iowa State basketball team made it to the Elite Eight and lost to Michigan State by 12 points.

Goofing off on April Fool's Day



"One year I taped the handle on the sprayer that's connected to the sink down so when my brother turned the water on it sprayed him. He chased me around the house for a while to get me back"

Amy Bass, '03

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"When you have a rug in front of the door and you can curl it up, people will walk in the door and trip on it. It's really funny. A group of us did it to Mr. (James) Badger once, it was hilarious."

Mike Gauthier, '02

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"Two of my friends told me they were moving and I was upset. They made me cry and everything. I was so sad because I thought they were really moving, then they finally told me they weren't."

Amy Schoepf, '01

Pushing streamers away...

freshman Laura Von Bon enters the gym on the night of the MORP dance. MORP is prom backwards so everyone dressed in casual clothes and girls asked the guys to the dance. The dance was put on by the Student Council and the admission was three dollars. photo by Matt Putney

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Holding her newborn...

social studies teacher Mary Van Heukelom stands in front of the tree her husband, Matt, planted for their first child in their front yard. "We planted the tree because it is something that Matt's family has always done. We can watch the tree grow as she does and when she is older she can help water it," said Van Heukelom. The baby, Anna Winona (Anna because it was short and Winona after a grandmother) was born on Apr. 6 after Van Heukelom was given a pill to induce labor. "I was nervous (after getting the pill) because I had to spend the night in the hospital and I knew the baby could be born any time," said Van Heukelom. She was finally born at 1:20 and was 7 lbs. and 20.5 inches long. photo by Jen Wiley

4/1

History Day regionals took place at the high school. Two Johnston teams made it to state. One team was juniors Ann Miller and Kate Winzenburg and the other team was juniors Laura Skow and Heather King. The coordinator for Johnston was Mrs. Kathy Paul.



4/8



4/13

French students from levels one, two, three and four went to Drake University to compete in the French quiz bowl. There were about 35 students who participated in French quiz bowl just from Johnston. Both French teachers attended quiz bowl that day.

April

Digging up Trash

Lifting dirt out of a hole...

junior Kelli Ryan helps fellow students of Mrs. Olga Kline's first grade class get ready to bury garbage in the hole she is digging. The hole was dug by the tennis courts. They buried a variety of things such as paper, plastic and styrofoam. Ten years later the students returned to the site to dig it up and see if it would disintegrate or if it was still there. Ryan said, "When we were in first grade our teacher came up with this project to bury trash and dig it up in 10 years. We talked about what we wanted to put in the hole. The hole was mostly dug out when we went out with the trash and some kids helped to dig it up a little more. Then we put in the trash." *photo by Olga Kline*



Looking at the map of the hole and where the trash was placed...

juniors Heather Clarkson, Carl Limyao, Cole Paskert and Matt Donaldson reminisce about the trash they buried in first grade. On Apr. 18, the juniors who were in Mrs. Olga Kline's first grade class got together to dig up the garbage they had buried 10 years ago. The hole had already been dug up about two feet down by janitors when the students got there. Then the digging was taken over by Clarkson and Donaldson who, after about 20 minutes, found some of the trash. "It was neat to see what happened. On some of the trash it said that it was biodegradable and it was still there 10 years later," said Clarkson. *photo by Olga Kline*



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Many fun and exciting things occurred in April. The Drake Relays took place at Drake, a few juniors uncovered items of trash that they had buried in the first grade. Developing Citizenship teacher gave birth to her first child, another annual MORP dance took place and a fire occurred on Martin Luther King Jr. Parkway and Cottage Grove.



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Gripping the baton...

junior Ryan Johnson runs at the Drake Relays. He ran in the 4x800 along with seniors Marcus Iwig and Kai Carlson and junior Matt O'Hollearn. The team got 12th place out of sixteen with a time of 8 min. 10 sec. *photo by Michelle Collignon*

The remains of the buildings...

sit on the corner of Cottage Grove and Martin Luther King Jr. Parkway. The fire broke out around 9 p.m. on May 25. The firefighters battled the fire and the drop in water pressure that was caused by all of the hoses taking water from area hydrants. The fire damaged several small businesses. Around 11 p.m. firefighters stopped spraying temporarily to get people away from the blaze for fear of one of the propane tanks exploding. No injuries were reported and the cause of the fire was unknown. *photo by Sarah Sauber*

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4/14

About 90 band students took a trip to Chicago, Illinois, for a competition. The wind ensemble got the gold and sweepstakes awards and won first place. Concert band received first place. Jazz band ended up with a gold award and a first place.

4/17-18

All levels of Spanish students went to Drake University to compete in Spanish Quiz Bowl. Four bus loads of kids went total. Mrs. Pam Barnes has been involved in Spanish Quiz Bowl for seven years and said, "Once again Johnston was a big winner. Our trophy case is packed."

4/22

Elian Gonzalez was taken back to his father after officials raided the house. He was in with the man who rescued him. Elian was brought back to Andrews Air Force Base in Maryland. There he joined his father and spent a quiet Easter together before going back to Cuba.

4/25

Ground broke for the new Johnston library. The new library will be about six times the size of the old library and there will be about 44 computers compared to the old buildings four computers. The police department and the city council will share the building.

Once Upon A Time

Junior Rachelle Cervetti and her date, sophomore Ram say Midkiff, get into position for their formal photo. Cervetti said, "The pictures looked good. It was neat with the flowers."



Getting ready for a snapshot...

juniors Sara Fisher, Jenny Holland and Ann Petersen have their picture taken for a momento. Candid shots were purchased at the school the week after Prom from Mullica. Formal pictures and personal pictures were other items done to remember the night. *photo by Kesse*

KING



After getting crowned...

seniors Steve Rude and Nikki Thies pose for the camera. Rude said, "I was surprised when I found out I was Prom king." *photo by Jessica Madole*

Playing roulette...

sophomore Billy Borchard participates in the activities of After Prom. Other games included a money walk, blow-up races, Twister and Bingo. During the activities, there was a dance that took place in the student commons. *photo by Julia Serbus*

Competing against each other...

sophomores Courtney Douglas, Aimee Kempf, senior Emily Jamison and sophomore Nichole Lebrun-Heuvel play the game show at After Prom. Jamison said, "It was fun. Some questions were easy and some were hard. I didn't know any of the audio ones that they played though." *photo by Marissa Stetson*

Finishing the race...

junior Robbie Burnett flies out of the blow-up game at After Prom. Burnett said, "I liked After Prom. It let me relive a lot of childhood stuff with all of the blow-up stuff. I'm glad it was free. I really enjoyed all of the free food and omelets that there were for me to eat." *photo by Marissa Stetson*



QUEEN

After Prom Memories

Promenade



Promenade

The Prom committee was headed by a new director, Mr Tim Brickley. He was in charge of announcing the names of couples as they approached the dance with parents watching them arrive admiringly and taking their pictures while they walked.

Senior Gift

All Johnston seniors who attend Prom traditionally receive a senior gift for attending their final dance which is decided upon by the Prom committee. The gift for the Prom was a champagne glass with the theme, Once Upon a Time, in purple on the front of the glass.

Theme

Mr Tim Brickley and the Prom committee chose Once Upon a Time as the theme for the dance. They decorated the Starc Armory with stone walkways, castles and balloons. They also made the formal picture background a light purple with flowers in a vase.

spread by Megan Stetson, Courtney Howard and Reuben VanderKwaak

Prom

Dancing the Night Away...

It was fun because I got to wear a big, poofy dress.

Emily Hoffman, '01



Bubbling over with excitement...

junior Marcy Green walks into the dance with her date, Urbandale graduate TJ Hicks. Parents crowded around to watch the students as they arrived after their dinners. photo by Sarah Kesse

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Posing for parents...

junior Nick Neal and his Urbandale date walk into the Starc Armory for Prom. For the first year, new teacher Mr. Tim Brickley was the announcer. photo by Sarah Kesse



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Having a ball...

junior Corey Curtis and graduate Rosemary Wilson dance. Curtis said, "This is the first time I have had fun at a Johnston dance. There was actually room to dance." photo by Sarah Kesse

What did you think of After Prom?



"I had a lot of fun at After Prom this year. Having the obstacle course and the rope climbing race was a really good idea. That way you could race your friends instead of playing games."

Kate McVemey



Nathan Fry

"All kids could use some money, so it was a really good idea to have a cash walk. A lot of my friends and I did that because we would rather win money than the prizes they had."

12:30-3 a.m. 12:30-3 a.m.



The food selection at After Prom was an interesting twist compared to the usual refreshments. There were Spanish omelets made with cheddar cheese and also French omelets with swiss cheese available. Parents made them on the spot for students.

3 a.m.

Students headed to the auditorium to watch the hypnotist put their friends under. The show included music, lights and audience cooperation. Students had to be quiet at times in order for the show to take place. This was because it is hard for people to become hypnotized with noise.

4 a.m.

An episode of Who Wants to be a Millionaire was presented in the auditorium. Mrs. Beth Ward was the host and chose players by rows and seat numbers. Junior Sarah Kiester, seniors Nichole Lloyd, Jason Iwig and Spencer Wise and graduate Nate Lynch were contestants.

Band Awards



Receiving her award...

sophomore Stephanie Bracelin accepts it from her instructor, Joanne Tubbs. At the band awards, students received awards they had earned throughout the year, band letters and personalized awards that the teachers had made up just for them. *photo by Jessica Madole*



Travis Anderson, '00

"I received the John Phillip Sousa award and was recognized for all-state jazz band. There was nothing specific that I liked but I did like the atmosphere of Stella's Diner. I plan on continuing with band in college."

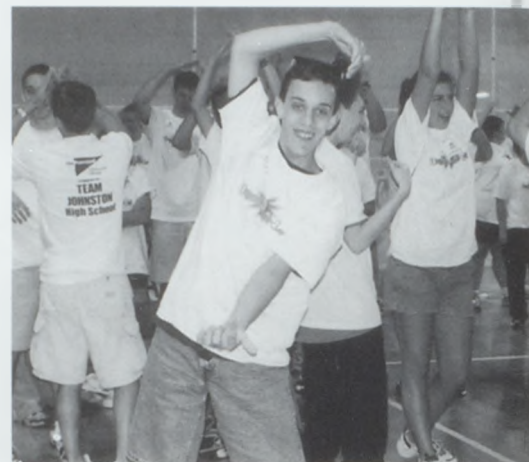
Justin Hazebroek, '02

"We got all the awards that we had accumulated through the year, such as letters and soloist awards. I liked the location of it (Stella's Diner) because it was a good environment for this type of event. I think most people had a pretty good time."



Having a blast...

at Unified Sports Day, freshman Ryan Bole participates during YMCA. "My favorite part of Unified Sports Day is seeing everyone there smiling. They all had fun whether they won or lost and they got to enjoy themselves. They met new people and had an opportunity a lot of other kids don't get to experience," said Beth Ward. Ward chose some people for this event but others also volunteered. Among those who helped out were seniors Marcus Iwig, Ashley Bengard, Dustin Simmerman, Quinn Sypniewski, Kyle Mertz, Melissa Ward, Nikki Thies, Andy Sundblad and Jacque Timmons, junior Lisette Cabrera and sophomores Lindsey Way, Lindsay Sleep, Patty Dickerson and Luke Hukee. *photo by Beth Ward*



Making new buddies...

seniors Steve Rude and Luke Borwick have a conversation. Unified Sports Day was where special needs students were paired with other students in the building. It took place at the Knapp Center and students from other surrounding schools came to compete in different activities such as volleyball, golf, punt-pass and kick, obstacle courses and bocce ball. "My favorite thing was talking to all my friends and the really good food. I got to meet new kids and people. I wouldn't mind doing it again but I can't because I'm a senior," said Borwick. "We (Rude and Borwick) were talking about christian music, girls, the future and marriage. I really took his advice." *photo by Marcus Iwig*

Spanish

"During one class we had a surprise attack to Mr. (Brian) Donahue's class with Spanish flags and signs. We toilet papered his students and took his prized gargoyle. In its place we put a sombrero. Later he bribed some Spanish students to get it back and take my stick. I did get my stick back and we called a truce."

-Mrs. Pam Barnes



In Mrs. Pam Barnes' Spanish III class...

sophomore Kent Wisecup, junior Jon Pierce, senior Nicole Weirich and junior Erin Rosberg eat Taco John's to celebrate Cinco De Mayo. The celebration for Cinco De Mayo was in remembrance of when the Mexicans defeated the French in Mexico. *photo by Jessica Madole*

French

"First hour Mrs. (Heather) Keller's class came over and Koosh™-balled us. The next hour they came over and it turned into a rowdy fight because the students started heaving encyclopedias. Third hour they didn't show up so we bombed them. Then fourth hour we made peace and went over for virgin margaritas." -Mrs. Tamara Andrews,

5/4

The Love bug virus hit computer systems worldwide, including the government. It was estimated to cost one billion dollars worldwide. It was sent in e mails entitled "LOVE YOU" and spread in users address books. It then sent passwords to an address in the Philippines.

5/4

A bell rang 15 times at the Kent State University campus for the four students killed and nine wounded at Kent State and for the two killed from Jackson State. It rang at the exact time that National Guardsmen opened fire at the university in 1970, exactly 30 years ago.

5/12

Johnston received the Tree City USA award. It was given to the city for promoting trees as a valuable part of our city. This enabled our city to be eligible for various grant programs. The award was sponsored by the National Arbor Day Foundation.

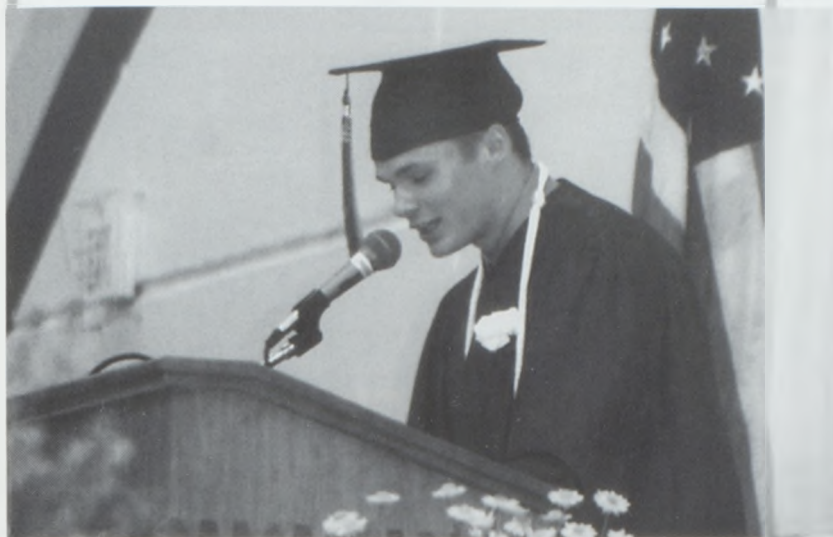
5/14

On Mothers Day the Million Mom March took place in different cities around the nation. It was to support stricter gun control laws. The main march was in Washington D.C. and all marches were open to everyone. The bell that rang was made from 400 pounds of melted guns.

•CLASS DAY•

spread by Jessica Madole
and Michelle Collignon

May



Senior Grant Mandsager...

reads aloud some quotes to remember various high school memories. Senior Ben Flannery also helped list off some of the sayings. The quotes were taken from infamous sayings by staff members, parents and well known quotes. They included

- "Carpe Diem (Seize the day)," said by Robin Williams from the movie *Dead Poets Society* and "Life moves pretty fast and if you step back and look around you might miss it," which was said by Matthew Broderick in the movie *Ferris Bueller's Day Off*. Mandsager said, "I was part of Junior/Senior Board and we each had assigned parts of the script from class day. I also liked the momentos because you get to look back at all the things that happened over the year." photo by Jessica Madole



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Recruiter Louls Castellano hands...

senior Sandeep Rao a plaque. Rao received a scholarship for \$500 from the Dollars for Scholars and a marine music award. He also won the band departmental award. "I'll probably miss the structure of high school like our schedules and homework assignments," said Rao. "I'm going to Iowa State University but I'm unsure of my major. Maybe something with engineering." photo by Matthew Putney



Senior Jeff Robertson is presented...

with a full-paid tuition to any college he chooses from the Iowa International Guard. He will be going to Arizona State University in the fall of 2001. Robertson joined the Iowa International Guard and received a

- \$8,000 sign-on bonus. He will receive \$715
- per month for college expenses. Robertson also received a live poetry society and a government award. "My favorite thing (about class day) was probably the momentos," said Robertson. "I will miss not being able to be a kid instead of growing up." photo by Matthew Putney

Departmental Awards

Art & Design: Michelle Collignon
Business: John Fiala
Construction & Manufacturing: Adam Walz
ELP: J.D. Marvin
English: Melissa Ward
Family & Consumer Science: Melissa Long
French: Grant Mandsager
Instrumental Music: Sandeep Rao

Journalism: Megan Stetson
Mathematics: David Kesse
Physical Education: Marcus Iwig
Science: Zanne Anklesaria
Social Studies: Andrea Glendenning
Spanish: Steve Rude
Technology: Travis Anderson
Vocal Music: Amelia Groetsch

5/16

The Iowa drought continued and was predicted to get more severe. The head of the National Weather Service said that it would worsen and eventually affect the entire state from June through at least August. It hadn't been that dry in the spring for 45 years.

5/18



5/25



5/31

Second semester finals started on the 27th and lasted for three days. They started Friday and continued on the Tuesday and Wednesday after Memorial Day. It was also known as the last day of school. The celebrating lasted for the following three months.

Things to remember...

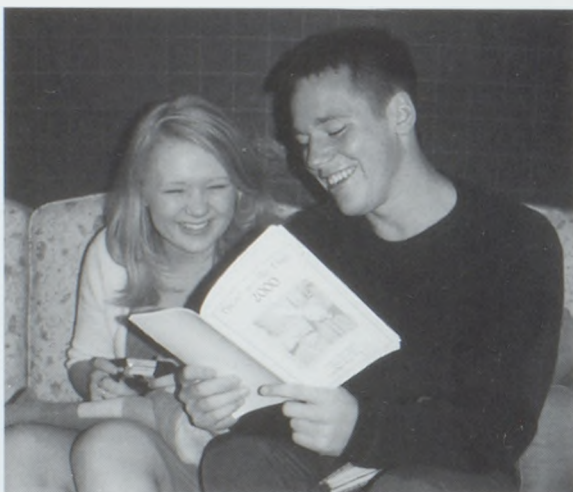
Class Size- 253 students

Class Moto-

"As each of us follows our path in life, we will remember these years. We will remember our friends, the laughter, and the pain. Our smiles reflect the memories locked deep within our hearts. Future dreams shine like bright stars against distant nights. We have grown so much, and yet, we will grow forever."

Class Flower- White rose

Class Colors- Purple and silver



While opening graduation gifts...

seniors Andrea Pearce and Eric Fritz look at senior spotlights at Pearce's open house. Senior Joe Darr thought that open houses were great. He said, "It gives me a chance to see a lot of people I grew up with for what could be one of the last times." *photo by Michelle Collignon*

H O U S E S

O P E N



Wading in the pool at a graduation open house...

junior Lindsay Simmerman, sophomore Checic Goedken and junior Lindsey Kroeger pretend to dive in the warm water on a rainy afternoon in May. *photo by Michelle Collignon*



Bending backward under the limbo arms...

junior Girija Mahajan tries to make it through without touching the hands. From place to place there were many different and unique ideas brought up at open houses. Senior Genevieve Ramsay had a different experience. "My girlfriends (seniors Haverlee Ottley, Kate McNeerney and Erin Hansen) and I made a pact to spend the night at each others houses every night for the last two weeks before graduation. It was a total blast. We went around to all the open houses together and by the time we graduated we were so tired we could hardly walk. It was great and I will never forget it," said Ramsay. *photo by Michelle Deanna Collignon*



Giggling at some photos...

senior Andee Jo Houle and junior Elizabeth Tometich sit in a chair at senior Anne Peterman's graduation open house. Peterman had many items from her school days and such that she set out for friends and family to gaze at. She also had her parents take polaroid pictures of her and her friends at the open house. "This way they could look at them right away. Peterman had the idea of doing this and she just happened to receive a polaroid camera from her aunt as a graduation present. *photo by Michelle Collignon*

5/17

The senior class picnic was held in the Walnut Ridge Park at Saylorsville. It lasted from 8:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. Throughout the day students could do what they chose like walk down to the lake, play frisbee, sit around and talk or play on the playground. Lunch was also provided.

5/20-6/3



5/20-6/3

Most seniors had open houses in honor of their graduation. They took place on various days before and after Commencement. At the open houses people would have a wide variety of foods and activities. Many people also laid out and displayed pictures.

5/23-5/24

Tuesday was the last day of school for all seniors. However, Wednesday morning they had to show up at the school once again at 8 a.m. to have a rehearsal for class day and graduation. They practiced what they were to do and what order they had to line up in for everything.

spread by Michelle Collignon

Graduation

Posing for a photo...

seniors Zarine Anklesaria and Jacque Timmons smile at the camera, while Kaiomars Anklesaria takes the picture. Timmons said, "I didn't actually realize that graduation would be the last time we'd be together as an entire class until Dr. Richard Sundblad pointed that out to us. At that moment, I started to reflect back on all the kinds of memories and I almost started to cry, but I didn't." photo by Julia Serbus

Graduation Day- May 28, 2000

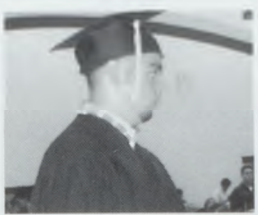


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1. Jonna Robertson



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2. Micaela Morrill



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3. Chris Sonner and Dawn Warner



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4. Amy Schuster



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5. Ashley Albertson



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6. Derek Andries



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7. Dr. Richard Sundblad and Chad Orr



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8. Brian Almond and Cory Briggs



photo by Julia Serbus

9. Mr. Steve Schlatter, Chris Piper and Stephanie Peterson



photo by Marissa Stetson

10. Sue Stetson and Courtney Howard

5/25

The Class Day Assembly was held Thursday at 8:15 a.m. The theme was *These are the Days*. Seniors walked into a spotlight to start it off and then there were scholarships and awards given out. To end the assembly one senior from each organization placed a memento in the pom-poms layed out in a J.

5/28

At 2 p.m. the Baccalaureate took place in the high school auditorium. FCA (Fellowship of Christian Athletes) put on this event and the speaker was Pastor Dick Hardy. The songs were all led by seniors Meredith Calhoun, Emily Garrett and Eric Samson.

5/28



5/28

Commencement took place at 3 p.m. on Sunday afternoon in the Johnston High School Gymnasium. The senior speakers were Micaela Burke Morrill and Adam Steffen Twedt. The awarding of the diplomas was done by the President of the Board of Education, Chris Sonner.

Ads / Reference Division

Fixing a fruit smoothie...

sophomore Jackie Swanepoel masters the art of the 'Electro Freeze' at Van Dee's ice cream shop. "When I first started working here I got confused at how to make all the different types of ice cream treats but now it's a breeze. It gets a little repetitive at times but at least the customers are usually really nice. It's a good summer job," said Swanepoel. *photo by Jennifer Wiley*



Ads-

Trying to eat as fast as they can...

seniors Ben Flannery, Adam Graaf, Matt Herrmann and junior Sarah Klester devour their meals at Subway before they go back to school. "I'm not supposed to go to lunch but it's a good time to take a break from school, get some good food and hang out with my friends. It's risky leaving campus and trying to sneak back — but it's worth it," said Klester. *photo by Jen Wiley*

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Scanning a sack of salad...

junior Joe Smeltzer tries his best to have a helpful smile in his Hy-Vee checkout aisle. "When you work at Hy-Vee you see the entire Johnston community come through your lane. Lots of kids from school either work here or come in and get food. They are adding on to the store so tons more kids will be working here soon," said Smeltzer. *photo by Jenny Wiley*

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Joel Siedenburg



Joel,
 Congratulations!
 We love you and are proud of the man
 you have become. We pray God's
 direction and blessing for your future.
 Love,
 Dad, Mom and Daniel

Alysha Orris



Alysha,
 You were sent to us as
 an angel. You have
 continued being one, we
 are so very proud of you
 and know now God had
 a reason for giving us
 you. I know your mother
 is smiling down on her
 beautiful daughter. We
 love you!!
 Grandma & Grandpa

Ted Christakos



Congratulations, Ted!

Thank you for all the joy and love
 you have brought into our lives.
 We are proud of your
 accomplishments. With love and
 best wishes that all of your
 dreams come true.
 We love you,
 Mom, Dad & Peter

Jason & Ryan Olson



Jason, senior year



Nine and a half months



Ryan, senior year

Dear Jason and Ryan,
 I will miss you so very much as you move on into the adult world. You are both so bright and talented, each in your own
 unique way. The world is waiting for you, and you are ready to take on the challenges of life. I am so proud of you and
 know that an exciting life lies ahead for both of you! Love, Mom

Emily Garrett



"For I know the plans for you" declares the Lord. "They are the plans for good not evil, plans to give you hope and a future." Jeremiah 29:11



To Our Em

Bubbly, funny, caring, kind, gentle, meek, watches out for the interest of others, has a servant's heart and has matured into a fine young lady who loves God with all her heart. Yes, that describes Emily Beth Garrett. Ever since you were a little girl, Emily, you have had a great sense of humor and are always ready to enjoy life. Emily, you have made us proud. Not because of what we have done, but because you have chosen to lead the life you have, and to stand for what you know is right. We wish you only the best in life wherever God chooses to take you. With his leading, and you following, you will always have the best. With love and our thanks for you,
Dad & Mom

Do not face a day...until you have faced God

Amy Harnack



Amy,

You are our shining star! We know you can achieve anything you set your heart and mind to. Take each day and enjoy it to its fullest. Do not be afraid to take risks, they teach you to be brave. Do not compare yourself to others, you are special and unique. Set your goals by what you want, not what others want for you.

You are so successful--Keep it up!

We love you,

Mom and Dad

Courtney Howard

Congratulations, Courtney! You have grown from our little baby into a beautiful young woman. Over the years you have brought us much joy. You have used the talents God gave you for the benefit of others. We are so proud of your many accomplishments including Opus Choir, All-State Chorus, Who's Who, National Honor Society, church music leader and more. However, we are most proud that you are our daughter. I know that you are ready to take on the world, and the world needs people like you.

Love God, love your family, love others and enjoy life.

Love,

Mom, Dad, Amber, Britney & Lea



Senior year



Five weeks



Four years old



Fourth grade



Junior year

also pictured: Ryan Olson

Ryan Burnley



To our "Little King",
You have always been a source
of pride and great joy. May
your future be filled with lots
of happiness, adventure and
great success!

Love,
Mom, Dad, James & Rox

Grant Patterson



Grant,
As you graduate, we celebrate
the day you were born and all
the days that you have passed
between then and now that have
made you who you are today.
You light up the world with your
smile. We are all proud of you.
Love,
Mom, Dad & Heather

Amie Hanson



Dear Amie,
Watching you grow from our little "Boo
Bear" into a lovely young woman has been
such a joy! Your strength of spirit and
determination have brought you far, both
academically and athletically. We are so
proud! We love your wonderful wit and
sense of humor. It will see you through
much in life. Our hearts are full as we wish
you "God speed" little one.
God Bless
Our love always,
Mom & Dad, Jacks & Cricket

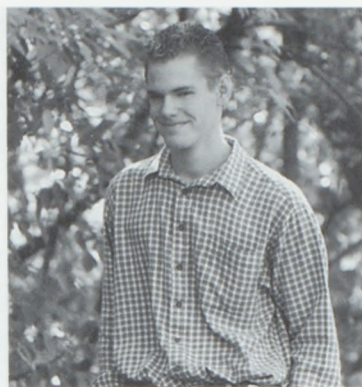
Melissa Ward



Melissa...

*Where has the time gone?
Seems like just yesterday
you were that little girl in
pigtails! We are so proud
of you and what you have
accomplished! You have
truly been a shining star
in our lives! We are proud
of the young woman that
you have become and wish
you only the best in your
new adventures in life!
We love you,
Mom, Dad and Jason*

Gavin William Kucera



Gavin,
Thank you for 18 wonderful years of watching you grow up. We hope that we have taught you well and wish you the very best as you venture out on your own. Don't forget that we will always be here for you through whatever ups and downs that life throws your way.

With much love and pride,
Mom, Dad & Alexis

Amy Young



Amy,
Always strive to achieve your goals and you will be successful. We are proud of all you have done and who you have become. Never lose sight of who you are.

Love,
Mom, Dad & Chase

Clint Meek



Clint,
Hey, you did it! We knew you would. You are truly a GREAT kid (person). We are so proud of the person you've become. Continue to use the wisdom of your young mind. Believe in your dreams and believe in yourself. When you do, your life will have no limits.

Love,
Mom, Dad, Jenny & Andrew

Hallie Durnavich



Hallie,
How do we thank you for all the laughter, joy and sunshine you bring to our lives? You have always done your best and made us proud. We wish you the greatest future any daughter could imagine.

Love,
Mom & Dad

Dawn Rene Warner



CONGRATS TO THE NEW MILLENNIUM GRADS~YOU DID IT! WE ARE VERY PROUD OF YOU. WE WISH ALL OF YOUR DREAMS COME TRUE WITH A GREAT LIFE!

LOVE YOU LOTS,
DAD, MOM & JOHN

Adam Tillman



Adam,
We are as proud of you today as we were on your "first day of school" and we know you will continue to do well as you go off to college. You are a fine young man with a very bright future. We all love you.

Mom, Dad & Trent

Victoria Holmertz



VICKI,
WE ARE CRAZY ABOUT
YOU AND BELIEVE THE
BEST OF YOU AND FOR
YOU. THANK YOU FOR THE
GIGGLES, THE TEARS AND
THE JOY THAT IS YOU. YOU
ARE PRECIOUS.
LOVE,
DAD, MOM & P.J.

Emily Jamison



Congratulations!
We are proud of
you and your
accomplishments.
We love you.
Dad, Mom, Mandy
& Pokey

Melissa Miller



Our hearts are filled with pride as we watch you become the responsible, hard-working and good humored person that you are. Continue to strive for the best. The challenges that await you will give you the strength and perseverance to carry you through life. Follow your heart, have fun and the rest will all fall into place.

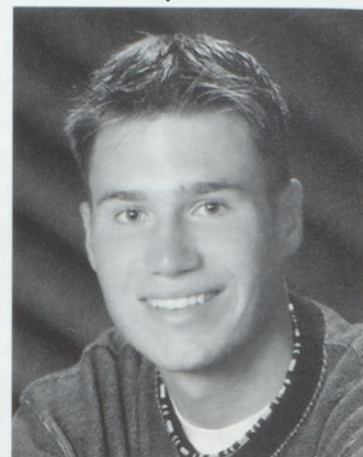
Love,
Mom, Dad & Luke

Miles Kirkpatrick

CONGRATULATIONS, MILES!



Kindergarten



12th grade

ON YOUR 12 WONDERFUL YEARS IN SCHOOL

LOVE,
DAD, MOM & NORA

Jessica Ogren



JESS,
YOU ARE AS PRECIOUS TO US
TODAY AS YOU WERE THE DAY
YOU CAME INTO OUR LIVES. WE
ARE SO PROUD OF THE
BEAUTIFUL YOUNG LADY YOU'VE
BECOME.

ALWAYS IN OUR HEARTS,
MOM, DAD & LESLIE

Jacob Reichling



Big Guy,
Never give up on your dreams.
Work hard and good things will
happen. We are very proud of you.
Love,
Mom, Dad, Katie & Libbie

Jenna Peitzman



Jenna,
You have brightened
our lives with your
smiles and laughter.
We are so proud of you
and love you lots!
Dad, Mom, Jodi & John

Michael McLaughlin



From 1st grade to 12th
you've become a young man;
so special-one of a kind.
You've captured many
hearts from the time you
were born;
a leader, a thinker, a doer.
We are very proud of you!
Mom & Dad

Marcus Iwig



We are so proud of you.
Your kindness and
understanding are an
example to all of us. You
are such a blessing.
Love,
Dad, Mom, Nick & Missy

Danielle Markel

Focus on the future!

We pray God will
always be your guide.



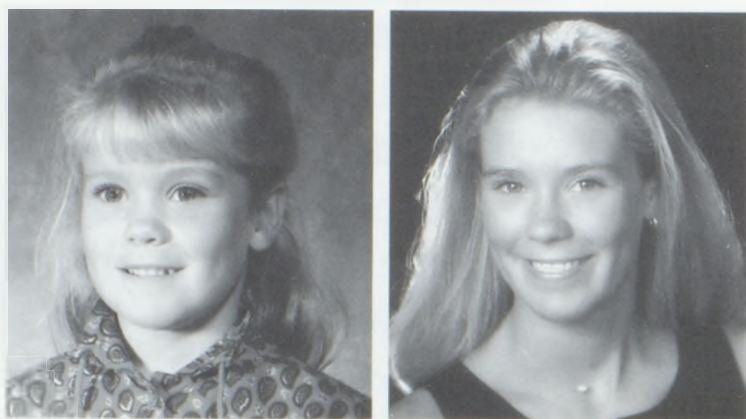
Your ability to learn from the past
and your desire to improve your
future has made us very proud of
you.
Mom & Dad

Amie Bobst



Amie,
Hola! Ever since you were a little girl, we've known you
have special abilities and qualities to succeed in
anything you set your mind to! It's been such a joy
watching you grow and develop these talents
scholastically, athletically and personally. Remember,
life often deals many ups and downs but, knowing you,
if you go after the bright star and keep smiling, the
world will be yours. We love you and are very proud of
you, Amie.
Vaya con Dios and Diviertase!
Mom & Tim, Kari & Mimi

Ashley Albertson



Ashley,
Strive to achieve all that you want and find happiness in everything you do. We are very proud of you and all you have accomplished. Remember we will Love you forever.
Dad, Mom & Kurt

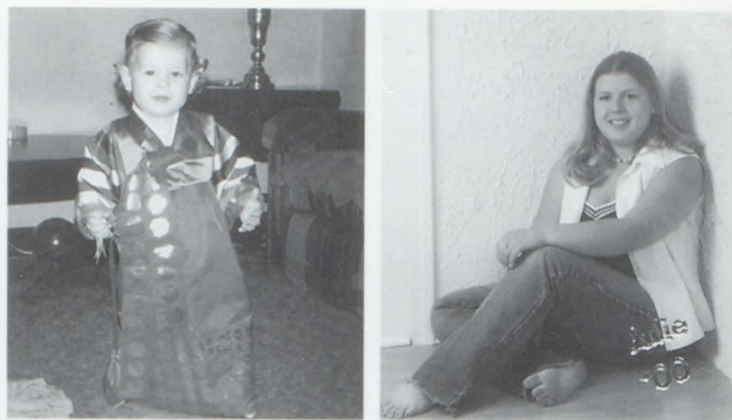
Emily Feaster

Emily,
There is no way to tell you how proud you have made us over the past 18 years!

We know at ASU they like to have fun! So when you are out enjoying yourself and you decide to pull out your ski's - remember to call home so we can laugh together, anytime, day or night!!

Love you always honey,
Dad, Mom & Niki

Julie Goodrich



Julie,
We are so proud of you. Keep reaching for your star! Find Atlantis and build your castle. You can do anything!
Congratulations!
Love,
Mom, Dad & Kyle

Ashley Bengard



Ashley Beth,
Stay strong in your beliefs and maintain your enthusiasm. We are proud of you and your efforts and your attitude!
Love,
Mom, Dad & Megan

Joe Rittgers



Joe,
Congratulations!
We are very proud of you. Be the best you can be.
Love ya,
Dad, Mom & Angie

Lindsey & Leslie Griggs



To our dearest Lindsey and Leslie,
We are so proud of both of you and love you very, very much. We wish you peace, happiness and good health.

Don't forget to enjoy the journey...

With love, kisses and hugs,
Dad, Mom & yes...Caleb, too!

Meredith Calhoun



Meredith,
"Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in Heaven." Matthew 5:16. Your smiles and laughter have always been such a great part of our family.

Love,
Mom & Dad

Jayson Smith



Jays,
God granted us the pleasure to raise you (and it's been a GREAT pleasure!). As you go into this world remember your priorities. We can only hope we have given you a good foundation to base your life on. Keep your dreams high and continue to reach for them. Know always that we will love you more than you love us.
Mom & Dad

Stephanie & Megan Nyberg



*Stephanie & Megan,
Just look at those smiles! How proud I am to be the mother of two beautiful daughters. Yes, twins are sometimes "double trouble"; but you, Megan and Stephanie, are also 100 times the joy.*

*Love,
Mom*

Marah Weigel



MARAH,
I'M SO PROUD OF
YOU. YOU ARE A
SURVIVOR. YOU'LL BE
A GREAT SUCCESS IN
LIFE!
ALL MY LOVE,
MOM

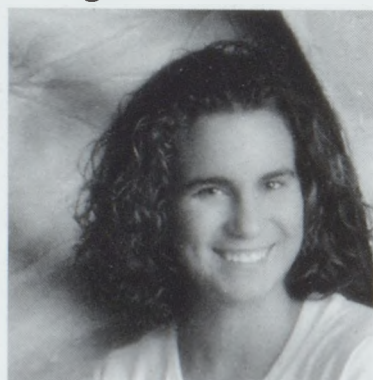
Adam Twedt



Congratulations on your
graduation from school,
For your family this is really
quite cool!
May your future be great,
And you never be late,
And always honor the Golden Rule!

Love,
Mom, Dad & Josh

Monica Inge



Monica,
Keep smiling...we are
so proud of you. The
future is yours!
We love you,
Mom, Rod & Megan

Anne Giusto



Congratulations Anne!

Since you were a little girl we have watched
you succeed with your determination and
smiling spirit. We are so proud of who you are.
Continue to work toward your dreams, we will
always be there for you.

We love you,
Dad, Mom, Billy & Alex

Dustin Simmerman



So many words describe what
a wonderful son and brother
you are to us. You have been
blessed with many talents and
these will bring much
opportunity in your future.
Keep that great sense of
humor. The best is yet to be!

Love,
Dad, Mom & Lindsay

Jacob Strohmman



Jacob,
Thank you for
bringing so much love
and joy into our lives.
We are very proud
of who you are.

Love,
Mom & Dad

Michelle Collignon



Michelle

Follow your dreams,
and make them
come true...

We are so proud
of you and love
you very much.

**Mom, Dad and
Danielle**



Jason Kohles



Watching you grow through the years, you have made us proud. We wish
you life's blessings for the future.

Love, Mom & Dad

Megan Stetson



Congratulations Megan!
We're proud of everything
you have accomplished.
Good Luck in all your
future endeavors. We'll all
miss you.

Love,

Mom, Dad, Shawn,
Marissa & Amber

Amelia Groetsch



Dearest Amelia,
You have amazed us over the years with
your strong character, great talents and
many accomplishments. We can't wait to see
all the wonderful things that await you in
the future. Keep following your dream and
reach for your "shining star"--Viva to our
Diva!

With much love and pride,
Mom & Dad

Jaime McMillen



*Jaime Rae,
Congratulations!
We are so proud
of you! You'll go
far in all you
do. We are
behind you 100%.
Good Luck!
We love you!
Mom, Dad, Jess
& Brian*

Eric Fritz



Congratulations, Eric!
We believe in you.
Whatever you choose
to do in the future,
we will always be with
you to applaud!

Love,
Dad & Mom

Anne Waller



Congratulations and best wishes to a very talented young woman who will always be our very loved and special little sis!!

May God bless you always.

Our love,

Mom & Dad

Brad

Matt, Beth Ann & family

Mike

Jessi Reece



Jessi,

You're our sunshine!

Love,

Mom, Dad & Josh

Jackie Huisman



Congratulations Jackie! We are proud of you. Good Luck to you in your future.

Love,

Mom & Chrissie

Randy Palmer



Congratulations
Randy!

Soar like the eagle
you have become.

Love,

Mom, Dad, Chris &
Tony

Sarah Tuttle



Sarah,
You are such a special person and we
have enjoyed watching you grow to a
wonderful adult. Good luck as you begin
another adventure of life at Wartburg
College.

We are very proud of you!

Love,
Dad & Mom

Chelsea Hughes



Chelsea,

*We love you, are proud of you and
know you will succeed in all you do.*

*"And when you have reached the
mountain top, then you shall begin to
climb."*

Climb high.

*Love Always,
Mom & Dad*

Greta Davis



Greta Davis &
Christine Notis

We've had such
good times...but I'm
still bitter about the
tire swing! Good
Luck in college.

Love,
Nini

Alyssa Smith



*From rodeos to stylish clothes,
a dog, a horse and a truck that
roars.*

This is Alyssa, to all of us.

*The one we love, the one we will
miss!*

Good luck at all you do.

We are so proud of you.

Love,

Mom, Chaundra, Brenna & Therese

Chelsey Larson

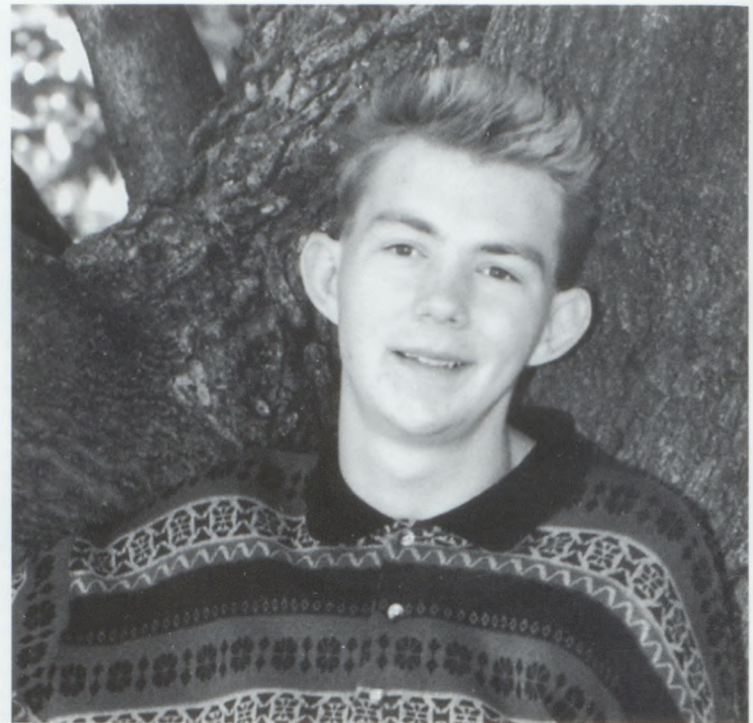


Chelsey,

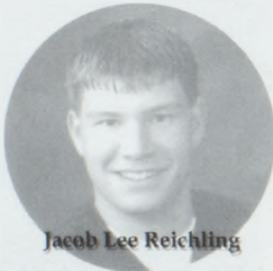
*You are a gift sent by God to
inspire others with your
determination and your
wonderful smile. We are so proud
of the person you have become.
Find happiness and follow your
dreams. Wherever you go and
whatever you do, remember our
love is always with you.*

Mom, Dad & Rachelle

Luke Borwick



You've come a long way, Lukers. We're so proud of you! Keep on lighting up the world! Love, Mom, Dad & Joel



Jacob Lee Reichling

So finally it's over. Four years, we slaved in the lab and all we've got to share for it is a couple extra pics in the Yearbook. At least it gave us a chance to escape to Hotlanta, where Matt spent his trip sleeping til 2 p.m. I guess that's better than getting accosted by the homeless bums on the street looking for drug money.

Next year, I'm taking my studies north to ISU, where I will study Exercise and Sports Sciences (sounds like a BS major, doesn't it?) where I will have to put up with Matt for at least four more years.

Spence is leaving us to pursue a career in catering in Michigan. Hopefully he won't make himself look foolish in intramurals in college, like he did in HS (j/k, hahaha). The past four years have been fun, I'm gonna miss the times we had, good luck and have a good life.

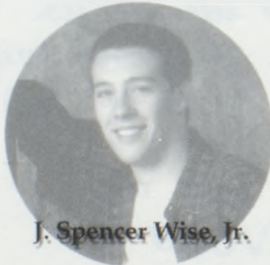
As the last Ring to graduate from JHS for a while, I'm ready to move out of the shadow of my brothers and start living my own life. Am I ready for it? I don't really know...but I am ready to get out of this school!

Of the things we've done together over the past few years, I'm really going to miss it. Spence, as the closest friend I can remember having, it's going to be difficult dealing with my problems. It's not going to be the same if I have to complain to you over the Internet. I won't miss your arrogance or computer illiteracy, but that's ok. Jake and I will be in the same school, ISU, next year, but it doesn't mean that we will continue to be great friends. I was never partial to befriending jocks...

As college and life come running at me in a big rush, I hope I will be able to take with me what I've learned in my 18 years, and what I've found along the way: Friends, trust, and Love. In case you ever forget, I love you Melissa.



Matthew James Ring



J. Spencer Wise, Jr.

I'm not gonna get all sentimental in this thing. I'm just going to talk about how I spent way too much time in the J-lab and it was hell at times and there was always a crisis breaking and I loved every minute of it.

Being unemployed had its perks, like having time to have some fun now and then. It also had its downsides, namely not having any money to have fun with. I don't have any regrets, though. It gave me time for intramural basketball, which Jake consistently made me look foolish at.

I'll embark on a marketing career next year while Jake majors in "Athlete Wannabe" and Matt concentrates on "Not Being Dumped by Mel." It's been great, guys. Next year with be rough without ya. Take care...

• Chelsey Larson and Alysha Orris •



STOREMAT DAPLEGUN - TIGHT AND FIRM - MY MICROWAVE IS SCREWED, YA KNOW WHAT IT'S SAYING! - GAS ME WITH A SPOON - DRINKING 'STUFF' - PACK IT UP, SO I CAN FLY AWAY - SHE'S ONLY SCRATCHED THE SURFACE. IT'S SMOOTH SAILING FROM HERE - CLASSIC COUPE STINKY - HI MEN! - HUM DUM - SPLINTERS - KITCHEN CHACETORY - RONKERS - REHILIBATION - HELLO ALYSHA, NICE TO SEE YOU AGAIN! - LIKE YOUR VIOLET SHIRT - ESTUDIEHALL - SNICKERS, SATISFY YOUR HUNGER - FOOOK - MOOVIES IS STINKY - DO YOU WANNA PLAY WITH MY YO-YO! - SOINTS - PIANIST - TUSHE - PUH PUH POO POO - WHOOP WHOOP, CA CA CA! - AND THE BAND PLAYED - CLUNK - FART BUCKET REVERSED - MELISSA METISSA - MOVE YOUR 'THANG' - J'AI HULLICINE - RED AND GREEN CHRISTMAS TREE - CIGARETTE - 100% PURE 'STUFF' - HOTDOG - AIESHA'S NUMBER ONE - CHEESY!

* Michelle Collignon, Chelsea Hughes, Alysha Orris, Jaime McMullen, Jackie Huisman, Chelsey Larson *

* Never forget all of our awesome jokes, song actions and memories girls. We have been through thick and thin and have come together as one in the end! Always keep in touch, because we are all best friends forever. *

* And so we talked all night about the rest of our lives, where we're going to be when we turn 25. I keep thinking times will never change. Keep on thinking things will always be the same. But when we leave this year we won't be coming back. No more hanging out cause we're on a different track. And if you got something that you need to say, you better say it right now cause you don't have another day. Cause we're can't slow down. are playing like a And we keep night in June. I of love, but it came was me and you. real cool. Stay at telephone with me. excited, we'd get Laughing at life's not fair, and



moving on and we These memories film without sound. thinking of that didn't know much too soon and there And then we got home talking on the We'd get all all scared. ourselves thinking this is how it feels.

As we go on, we remember, all the time we, had together, and as our lives change, come whatever, we will still be friends forever.

So if we get the big jobs and make the big money. When we look back now, will our jokes still be funny? Will we still remember everything we learned in school? Still be trying to break every single rule. Will little brainy Bobby be stockbroker man? Can we ever find a job that won't interfere with a tan? I keep on thinking that's it's not good-bye, keep on thinking it's time to fly. And this is how it feels. Will we think about tomorrow like we think about now? Can we survive it out there? Can we make it somehow? I guess I thought that this would never end, and suddenly it's like the women and men. Will the past be a shadow that will follow us 'round? Will these memories fade when I leave this town. I keep, I keep thinking that it's not good-bye. Keep on thinking it's time to fly. (Song by Vitamin C)

Michelle Collignon, Chelsea Hughes and Jaime McMullen



Pillow, Shadow-Silver-Bill-AgeeBay-Monkey Girl, 107, Ranger, Calculator, Mouthman-Hunkarama, Hyperion, Lifeguard, Devil, Plum, Hunk, Homie G Funk, Professor Plum-Biology, Measurements, Mamma Thugg, Poppa Thugg, Buff C, Giraffe Boy, Puppy-Fingerboy, Rocketman, Turtle, Jay-Z, Red, Tyla, TeeeRoy, B's 1-5, Frosty Shmoshty, Sexy-A'fer, Joker-Dil, Phil, Dr. Dray, NannNann, Gardens, Sex God, Underwear, Big Thugg, Jamer, Goat Boy, Chunkoo, Chunko, Super Z, Chunky Monkey

Idaho, yeah utah(o), oh(h)o...Mooron...Bong...Big disk...It wasn't me...Mmmm, them is some good cookies...ya'll from Iowa?...If you want it to be good girl, get yourself a bad boy!...How sweet it is to be loved by you, by you...Where my girls at?...Will the real Slim Shady please stand up, please stand up!

Shelly, Chelly, Jelly, M-Dawg, C-Dawg, J-Dawg, Charizard, Squirtle, Snorlax, Michelly, Telsy, Jamimah



Megan, Sarah — and — Courtney

Who ever would have thought that a koala, a turtle and a mouse could be such good friends? Through everything that's happened, we've been able to remain friends.

Even through the boys and problems with friends and family. We managed to stick together after being tortured by Amber all year and none of us went completely insane...though we were worried about Courtney for awhile. Next year when we're all in different states remember all the fun times we've had together. Homecoming with all it's T.Ping, being on the run, Megan making Sarah's sidewalk look like a murder scene by outlining everyone in chalk and giving Johnston-haters some school spirit. Then there was Winter Formal when we all went with the boys that we loved. Though Sarah's boys were constantly changing, we still considered her a friend because no one's more indecisive than Megan in that department. Prom, our last dance, was fun despite the obstacles we like to call The Big Ego, Valley Boy, Snappy and dinner. So while we're apart, remember the memories we have together and know that we will always be sisters in Christ. ~Mehgz, Tut, Court



Thanks for all the smiles!

TRES AMIGAS

cruising...shopping...tattoos...tavern...chi-chi's...godfathers...Don't impress me much!... Know that you can always count on me for sure, that's what friends are for.



Thin Piece of
Cotton

Erik and Feepy

Scrubs

Nebraska

Ethuse me, have
you seen my
pretzel?

Van's Gerbils,
Animal love

Straw Bag- Yuck

Hockey

Hey nurse,
want some
lunch?

Santa Claus

Feed me Seymore

Cruisin' in the Ghetto
listening to Oldies

Twiggy Twiggy
Snap Snap!!!

Bologna
Monkies

Ethuse me,
have you
seen my ice
cube?

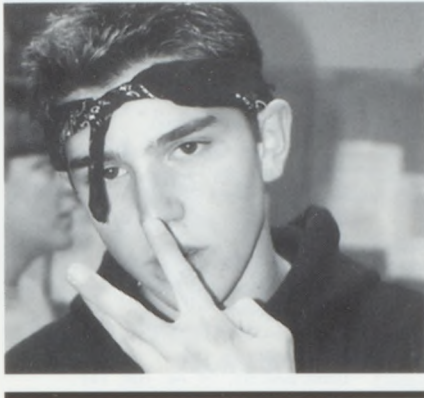
We met our freshman year on the basketball team, the "A" team of course..... okay, so we just nick named ourselves "The beastly B's" along with everyone else, just as code so the others wouldn't feel bad.Uhhh that's all. Oh wait one more thing. And we've been friends ever since.... These are a few jokes that we have shared in the short time we've known each other.....



FRONT 5 FIVE

It all started in Newspaper, we got the group now, and we be keepin it real in the year comin. Outsiderz 4 Life, all you boyband haters out there will see us coming, FrontFive, and you will say "Hey we knew em!" VH and CV be messin with Shorty aka MEAT and showing the putt where his place is. Keep Tigger real down in D-World, I'll miss you boo and maybe someday we will have 2 more boyz, KidRock and *NSYNC YO...

*Mad props to Orlando Chicas and One Love**



... sometime we'll make it big and get all the ladies like the boys in O-Town down south, and those girls startin our newsletter, mad props. Spencer, we're gonna miss you 7th hour, you have been an inspiration, BUHLEE DAT!!

Oh my god you guys I have the best story to tell you. It's about Johnston High School and my friends. When I moved at the beginning of 9th grade I was a nerd and I had lots of friends. It's four years later, and nothing has changed, but I have accumulated many thank you's that need to go out to all the teachers and friends that have made this experience a

to all my stories "Hooooool!", Ensamble for jokes like, Paris Natalie and Elizabeth thank shut up really means. Thanx up to date on the latest Joel, Aaron, Keith, Soda pop, filling my weekends with cheap jokes and even cheaper Callie, thanks for the best ever ask for. Thank you Denny we were stalked by certain sunhats. Thanx Danny and Tim aid when I landed on the bike leaving you alone during the cream. Cyrus you still owe me for running for president, and ever. Thank you band nerds for culture even though I was a the percussionists for standing gushers. Courtney and Spencer house and waking them up at Tim for using my only sock for for breaking my heart bringing it up everyday in French. Thank you Mrs. Psychology, also thanks goes out to anyone who a medal. Thanx Nick for being a stud and marking me with pen everyday. Thank you Ryan, Lizzy, Emily, Callie, Ben, and Adam for teaching me eating meat is wrong. Thanx Shipp for giving me a chance to prove myself in newspaper, I'm glad to was able to prove you wrong. Thanks Anne for being a Goddess. Sandeep. Thank you for hours of shin kicking in honors chem. Matt, Kai, Brad, and John, thanx for breaking the mold, even if it meant getting suspended. Thanks Matt and Ted for writing a long over due sport story. Thank you to my safety kids group for putting on the show even though we didn't know our lines. Keegan, and JD, thank you for four years of technical wizardry despite problems from annoying teachers and nosey kids, and for teaching the freshman how to carry on your legacy. I thank everyone for making me laugh and being my friend. I wish you all the best of luck in all your future endeavors.

Check you later,
-Mike Skinner



first year senior. A special thanks to behind me when someone ate my , thank you for calling someone else's 6:30 in the morning. Thanks a lot to makeup removal. Thank you Laura freshman year, and thanks to Sean for

Marks for giving me the most wonderful experience in AP was in that class and saw it all the way through, you guys deserve

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also pictured: Katie Hannon



***A**polo^{gy}. (Sophomore) Katie (Hannon) spilled my soup at lunch while stealing my crackers. At first I acted pissed off and waited for her to apologize, then we burst out laughing because it was so ridiculous.*

Katie Petersen, '02

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Shanna Barnett, '02

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also pictured: Rachel Larson



Friday night. "I always wait until the last second to make plans. I usually just talk to my friends around my locker or I call some friends up on Thursday night to make my plans."

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Christine Ybarra, '00

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 Shannon McCaughlin, '00

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Juice. "I can't concentrate on my lab in Physics while I'm waiting for our treats, because my mouth is watering and all I can do is think about snacking. It's my favorite part of Physics."
 Kristi Kramer, '01

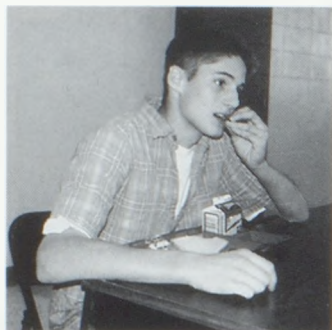
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Gina Frizzel, '02

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Brian Dingeman. '01

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W ater fountains. "While I stand in line my mind often ponders the great mysteries of life and it all comes down to one thing, how thirsty I am."

John Wohl. '01

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Y 2K. "I don't know very much about computer stuff so I didn't really know what to think about Y2K. I was just waiting to see what happened."

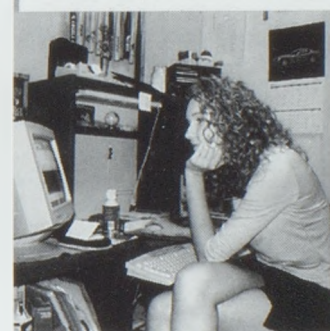
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Z oo animal crackers. "I hate how long I have to wait for my zoo animal crackers to come out of the machine."

Cyrus Andrews. '03

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The last day of school... Johnston High, 2000. You arrive for the last time in the parking lot. Luckily there is a place for you to park thanks to the new teachers lot on the west side of the school. You meander up to the student commons doors. You build up strength and pull open the locked door. After months of getting forced open they don't stop you from getting to class on time anymore. You get to class right before the bell sounds. You snicker at the other students rushing into the classroom panting. You sit back and try to enjoy the last moments you'll have with this instructor you've grown to know quite well.

Class is over for good. Students pack into the hallways, clearing their lockers of textbooks. You get to your locker and turn the dial for the last time. You take down the pictures you put up in November when you first got the metal compartment. The last thing you take out is your AP book, ready to return it to where it came from. This book helped you get that five-point A last semester. The weighted grades turned out for the best in your case. In the hallway you snicker at Mr. Schlatter patrolling the traffic flow and prohibiting horseplay. He says good-bye as you go out the door.

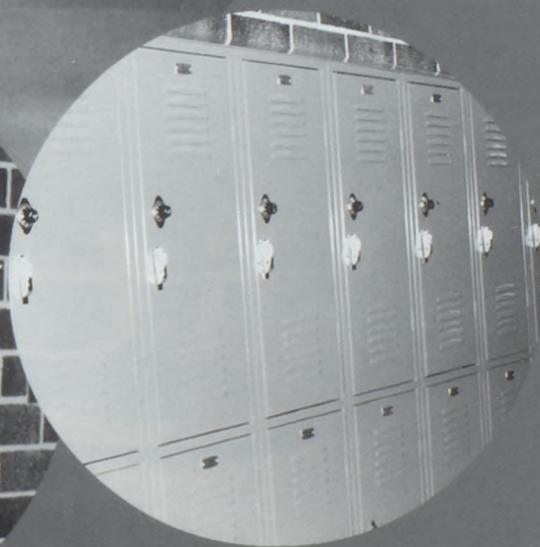
Finally the school year is over. With no books you feel a weight has been lifted from your shoulders. You think you might actually miss your teachers and pulling open the doors in the morning. The once new changes became part of the normal day, and all you had to do was

WAIT...

and see what happened.

You get in your car, buckle up and turn the radio on. A good song is playing.

You turn it up and leave the campus. All you have to worry about now is finding a summer job.





Rejoicing for the point...

the Superfans go bonkers after the boys' basketball team scored. The Superfans' dedication and spirit was found at all types of school events and was likely to help achieve many victories for our side.

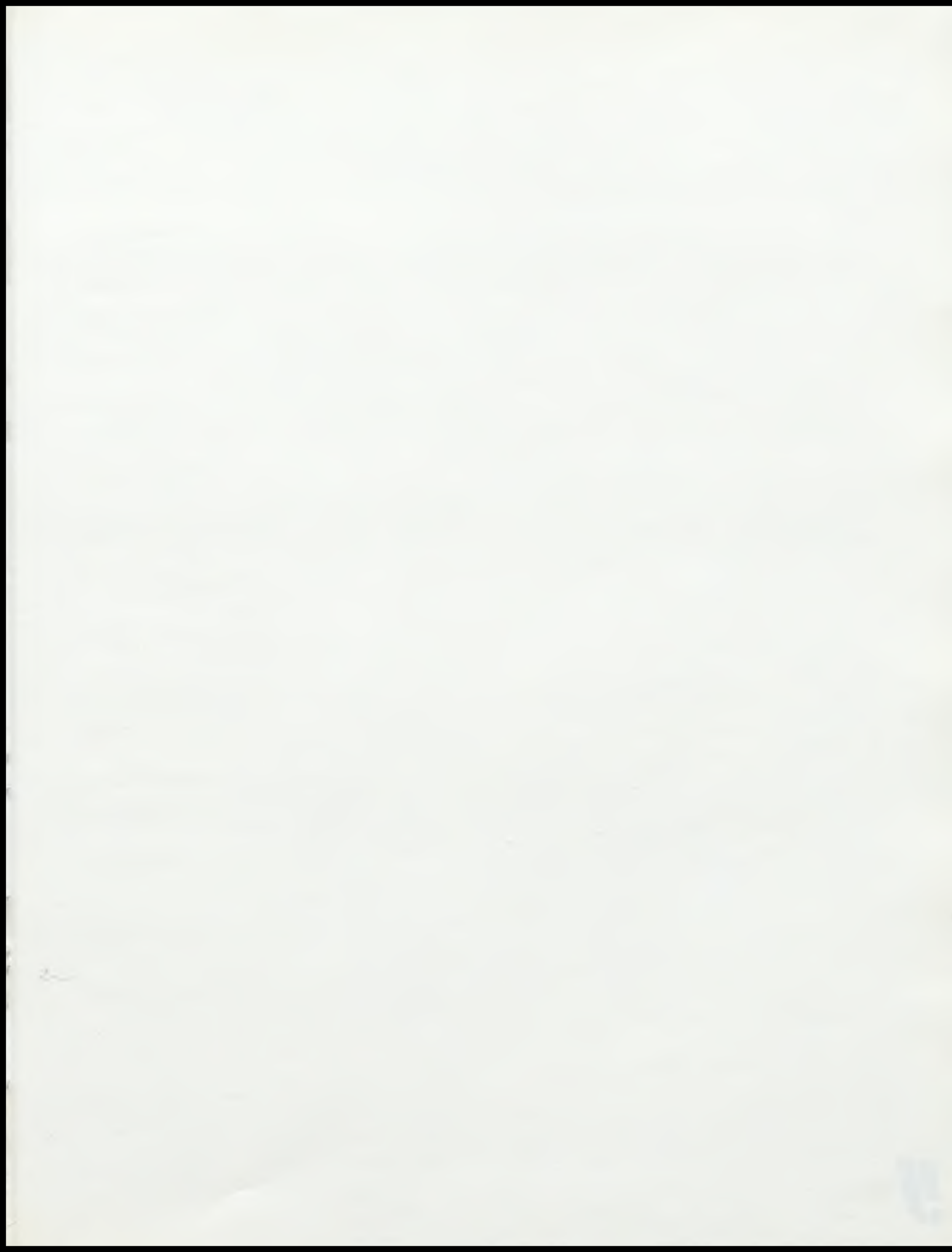
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Volume 53 of the Dragon was published by the Johnston High School yearbook staff. Paul Havnen of Herff Jones (Kansas City) was patient enough to stick with us through the whole ordeal and ended up sending 813 copies of our book to the printers. We divided 212 pages amongst our 3 boys and 15 girls and got 'em all done. The gorgeous cover used three ink colors: c0m100y100k0 (red), c100m40y0k0 (blue), and c0m10y100k0 (yellow). We were cheap with the endsheets and used black and white ink with only one spot color being c0m100y100k0 (red). We constructed our pages in Adobe Pagemaker 6.5 and printed them out on our wonderfully slow LaserWriter 8500. For special effects we turned to Freehand 8. Any clipart found on these pages came from the *Art Explosion* clipart book. We sold our fine products for 34 bones without monogramming or 39 with it. We were font happy and used fonts such as Rhino, Skitz, Charcoal, Hobo, Avant Garde (headlines), Palatia bold, Paramount (captions), GoudyCatTReg (body), and Schoolboy (cover/endsheets). All work was done in our li'l lab consisting of six power macs and one G3. Our film was developed at our loving Johnston Hy-Vee. For further insight into this book, get a hold of us.

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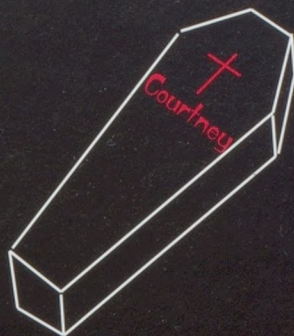
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